

Public Safety Committee

2011-2012

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RULES

SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
3. 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.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to hearing.
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 concise 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, provided that written notice has been given to the Committee 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee rules.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Hamrick, 30th, Secretary
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Senator Murphy opened the meeting with prayer. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the committee followed with introductions. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Seay, 34th, made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Albers, 56th, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, February 3, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Note: Senator Hamrick, 30th, and Senator Murphy, 27th, were absent.

SR 1 - by Senator Butler of the 55th, State and Local Governments; urged to promote public awareness of dangers of celebratory gunfire

Senator Butler presented the bill to the committee. Chief Bill O'Brien, from the DeKalb Police Department; Arthur Hughes, a citizen from Clayton County; and Bruce Bowers, from Massy and Bowers; all spoke in support of the legislation. Senator Seay, 34th, made a motion that **SR 1 "DO PASS"**. Senator Carter, 42nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, February 10, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Hamrick, 30th, Secretary
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Note: Senator Butler, 55th, arrived at 8:46 a.m.

HB 107 - by Representative Ralston of the 7th, Health coverage; spouse and dependents of a deceased public employee; provide

Representative Bearden of the 68th presented the bill to the committee. Senator Albers of the 56th, made a motion to amend line 29 by striking “public safety employee or Department of transportation employee” and replacing it with “employee of this state.” Senator Carter of the 42nd seconded the motion. The amendment passed 7-0. Senator Hamrick of the 30th made a motion that **HB 107 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Albers of the 56th seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0. Senator Grant will carry the bill in the Senate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Hamrick, 30th, Secretary
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Note: Senator Ligon, 3rd, arrived 2:13 p.m.

Note: Senator Albers, 56th, arrived 2:14 p.m.

SB 5 - by Senator Hill of the 32nd, Driver Services; provision of radio frequency identification tags with drivers' licenses or identification cards

Senator Hill, 32nd, presented the bill to the committee and offered a few changes to allow for the RFID tag to be placed in a sleeve around the drivers' license and not imbedded into the driver's license. Dr. Steve Corwin spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Zeb Blanchard, citizen, spoke in opposition of the bill. Mr. Ray Higgins from the Department of Driver Services spoke on behalf of the department. Chairman Grant requested that Senator Hill of the 32nd work with Senator Carter of the 42nd and Senator Albers of the 56th to perfect the bill and bring new language back to the committee for further review. No action was taken by the committee.

SB 53 - by Senator Tate of the 38th, College and University Special District Act of 2011

By request of the author, this bill was not called for a hearing.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Note: Senator Hamrick, 30th, arrived at 4:12 p.m.
Senator Murphy, 27th, arrived at 4:20 p.m.
Senator J. Carter, 42nd, arrived at 4:25 p.m.

SB 95 - by Senator Buddy Carter of the 1st, Peace Officers; applicant; appointment or certification; provide for the authority to investigate the employment history; provide immunities

Senator B. Carter presented the bill to the committee. Michael Caldwell and Frank Rotondo, from the Georgia Police Chiefs, and Bill Clark from the Trial Lawyers Association, spoke in support of the bill. Senator Seay, 34th, made a motion that **SB 95 “DO PASS”**. Senator Murphy, 27th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

Note: Senator Murphy, 27th, left at 4:40 p.m.

SB 94 - by Senator Heath of the 31st, Firearms; carrying/possession; change certain definitions

Senator Heath presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Albers, 56th, made a motion that **SB 94 “DO PASS”**. Senator Ligon, 3rd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0 (Note: Senator Murphy was not present for the vote.)

SB 52 - by Senator Butler of the 55th, Courts; require marshals to notify protected persons upon the service of certain protective orders

Senator Butler presented the bill to the committee. Judge William Baldwin, a Troup County Superior Court Judge, answered questions from the committee regarding the bill. Senator Seay, 34th, made a motion that **SB 52 “DO PASS”**. Senator Carter, 42nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-1 with Senator Hamrick, 30th, voting against the bill.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, February 24, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Note: Senator Hamrick, 30th, was absent.

Note: Senator Carter, 42nd, arrived at 8:30 a.m.

SB 53 - by Senator Tate, 38th, College and University Special District Act of 2011
By request of the author, this bill was not called for a hearing.

SB 60 - by Senator Loudermilk, 52nd, Rules of the Road; change the inference for identifying driver in cases involving traffic-control signal monitoring devices

Senator Loudermilk presented the bill to the committee. Jackie Gibbs from the Marietta Fire Department; Lewis Massey from Massey Bowers Hembree and Associates; Jim Burgess from the City of Savannah; and Rusi Patel from GMA, spoke against the bill. Senator Ligon made a motion that **SB 60 “DO PASS”**. No one seconded the motion and the motion died due to a lack of a second.

SB 120 - by Senator Miller, 49th, Education; provide parent/guardian participation component in drug/alcohol course; person under 18 years of age

Senator Miller presented the bill to the committee. Les Hammond from Department of Drivers Services spoke to the bill. Jody Cooley and JP Banks from Hall County Drug Free Coalition spoke for the bill. The Chairman did not call the bill for a vote at this time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Note: Senator Hamrick, 30th, arrived at 2:31 p.m.

SB 45 - by Senator Brown, 26th, Alcoholic Beverages; businesses where beverages are consumed/repeated incidents of violent conduct; impose penalties

Senator Brown presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 29 4649S. David Davis from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office and Robert Grabewski from the Macon Police Department spoke for the bill. The Chairman did not call for a vote in order for the author to continue to work to perfect the language of the bill.

SB 83 - by Senator Thompson, 33rd, Rachel's Law; provide for parameters regarding the use of confidential informants; definitions; exceptions

Senator Thompson presented the bill to the committee and asked the committee not to move on the bill so as to provide for work to be done on a policy level.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Appointment of Sub-Committee for SB 102

Senator Albers, 56th, to Chair the Subcommittee
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Carter, 42nd
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Albers, 56th, called the subcommittee meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

SB 102 - by Senator Mullis, 53rd, Firearms; carrying/possession; definitions; penalties; issuance/qualifications for firearms licenses; provisions

Senator Mullis presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 28 5624 ERS. Senator Seabaugh, 28th, spoke to the bill. Mark Middleton from the Council of Probate Judges and Todd Edwards from ACCG spoke to the bill.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Albers of the 56th, Chair of Subcommittee

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

Senator Tommie Williams
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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

March 3rd, 2011

Secretary Bob Ewing
State Senate
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

In accordance with Senate rules, the Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Lindsey Tippins and Senator Don Balfour to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Public Safety Committee meeting on March 3rd, 2011. These appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tommie Williams
Senate President Pro Tempore

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Seay, 34th

Note: Senators Hamrick, Butler, J. Carter, and Murphy were absent.

Senator Tippins was appointed as an Ex-officio member in order to make a quorum.

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

SB 126 - by Senator Albers, 56th, Rules of the Road; require operator of vehicle to leave a safe distance between vehicle and a bicycle; definition

By request of the sponsor, this bill was not called for the hearing.

SB 138 - by Senator Tippins, 37th, License Plates; require a sworn statement by an applicant for a tag renewal

Senator Tippins presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ligon moved to amend the bill to strike Section 3 and renumber sections 4 and 5. Senator Seay seconded the motion. The amendment passed 4-0. No one signed up to speak to the bill. Senator Albers made a motion that **SB 138 "DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE"**. Senator Ligon seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

SB 155 - by Senator Albers, 56th, Jarrett Little Act; indemnification payment shall be made to parents/siblings of such person; if person does not have unremarried spouse/dependents

Senator Albers presented the bill to the committee. Joe Kim from the Department of Administrative Services spoke to the bill. The Chairman asked the author to work on the language and bring it back to the committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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March 9, 2011

Secretary Bob Ewing
State Senate
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

In accordance with Senate rules, the Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Butch Miller and Senator Barry Loudermilk to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Public Safety Committee meeting on March 9th, 2011. These appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tommie Williams
Senate President Pro Tempore

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Murphy, 27th

Note: Senators Albers, 56th, Hamrick, 30th, Butler, 55th, Ligon, 3rd, and Seay, 34th were absent. Senators Loudermilk, 52nd, and Miller, 49th, were appointed as Ex-officio members in order to make a quorum.

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m.

SB 120 - by Senator Miller, 49th, Education; provide parent/guardian participation component in drug/alcohol course; person under 18 years of age

Senator Miller presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 35 2210S. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Murphy made a motion that **SB 120 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Carter, 42nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0 (Senators Carter, Murphy, Loudermilk, and Miller).

Note: Senators Seay, 34th, and Albers, 56th, arrived at 1:52 p.m.

Note: Senator Miller, 49th, left at 1:53 p.m. as a quorum was still met.

SB 155 - by Senator Albers, 56th, Jarrett Little Act; indemnification payment shall be made to parents/siblings of such person; if person does not have unremarried spouse/dependents

Senator Albers presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 35 2199S. Joe Kim from the Department of Administrative Services spoke to the bill. Senator Albers made a motion that **SB 155 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0 (Senators Loudermilk, Seay, Murphy, Carter, Albers).

Note: Senator Butler, 55th, arrived at 2:08 p. m.

SB 98 - by Senator Loudermilk, 52nd, Firearms; provide exemption from application of certain laws for persons possessing valid weapons carry licenses; exceptions

Senator Loudermilk presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 28 5663S. Jerry Henry from Georgia Carry.org; Keith Hatcher from GA Realtors; Todd Edwards from ACCG and Rusi Patel from GMA, spoke for the bill. Betsy Rivard from Georgians’ for Gun Safety spoke against the bill. Senator Loudermilk offered an amendment to add on line 15 after the semicolon “or on the premises of a nuclear power plant or mental health facility as defined by code section 37-1-1.” Senator Albers seconded the motion. The amendment passed 6-0. Senator Carter offered an amendment to add after the above amendment to include “or within 150 feet of any polling place during any election except as provided in code section 21-2-413.” Senator Butler seconded the motion. The amendment failed 3-4. (Senators Butler, Seay, and Carter voted in favor and Senators Loudermilk, Murphy, and Albers voted against the bill. Chairman Grant broke the tie and voted against the amendment.) Senator Murphy made a motion that **SB 98 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE as amended”**. Senator Albers seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-3 (Senators Loudermilk, Murphy, and Albers voted for the bill. Senators Butler, Seay, and Carter voted against the bill. Chairman Grant broke the tie and voted in favor of the bill.)

SB 186 - by Senator Mullis, 53rd, Fire Protection/Safety; consolidate primary state fire protection/safety services within a single agency; establish Department of Fire Safety
Senator Mullis presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 35 2200S. Commissioner Hudgens, from the Department of Insurance, spoke against the bill. Michael Schelnutt from GA State Firefighters Association; David Kimbrell from Hall County/GA Fire Chiefs; Jackie Gibbs from Marietta Fire Department; and Richard Crowder from Homer Fire Department spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Albers made a motion that **SB 186 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Carter seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0. (Senators Butler, Carter, Seay, Murphy, and Albers).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Appointment of Subcommittee for SB 102

Senator Albers, 56th, to Chair the Subcommittee

Senator Jason Carter, 42nd

Senator Seay, 34th

Note: Senator Murphy, 27th, was absent.

Chairman Albers, 56th called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

SB 102 - by Senator Mullis, 53rd, Firearms; carrying/possession; definitions; penalties; issuance/qualifications for firearms licenses; provisions

Senator Mullis presented the bill to the committee. Todd Edwards from ACCG and John Monroe from Georgia Carry, spoke for the bill. Judge Mike Bracewell, Probate Judge from Morgan County, requested changes to the plea of nolo contendere on page 12, line 420 and to add back the language on page 16 line 535 to read “is not of good moral character.”

Keith Hatcher spoke to the bill to express his concerns that the language might change to alter the private property rights.

Chairman Albers directed all interested parties to contact the author with any additional comments. The substitute LC 28 5665 ERS will be recommended back to the full committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Albers of the 56th, Chairman of Subcommittee

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

March 10, 2011

Secretary Bob Ewing
State Senate
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Dear Bob:

In accordance with Senate rules, the Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Lindsey Tippins and Jeff Mullis to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Public Safety Committee meeting on March 10th, 2011. These appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tommie Williams
Senate President Pro Tempore

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Mezz 1 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, March 10, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th
Senator Tippins, 37th - appointed as Ex-officio
Senator Mullis, 53rd - appointed as Ex-officio

Note: Senators Grant, Hamrick, Butler, and Ligon, were absent.

Senators Tippins and Mullis were appointed as Ex-officio members in order to make a quorum.

Vice-Chairman Albers, 56th, called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

SB 231 - by Senator Tippins, 37th, Probation; provide additional offenses for which first offender status shall not be granted

Senator Tippins presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 29 4749S. After presenting the bill, Senator Tippins offered an amendment to add after line 29, “(v) A jail officer employed at a County or Municipal jail.” Senator Murphy moved that the amendment do pass. Senator Tippins seconded the motion. The amendment passed 5-0. Sandy Michaels from Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Officers spoke to the bill and asked for a change on line 23 (iii). Terry Norris from the Sheriffs’ Association spoke for the bill. Senator Carter offered an amendment to insert the word “serious” on line 24 between the words “in physical”. Senator Carter moved that the amendment do pass. Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The amendment passed 5-0. Senator Murphy made a motion that **SB 231 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE as amended”**. Senator Carter seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

Note: Senator Grant arrived at 4:29 p.m.

Senator Tippins left at 4:32 p.m.

SB 102 - by Senator Mullis, 53rd, Firearms; carrying/possession; definitions; penalties; issuance/qualifications for firearms licenses; provisions

Senator Mullis presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 28 5665ERS. After presenting the bill, Senator Mullis offered an amendment to the substitute by striking “or the acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere” on line 420 and by striking “2012” on line 575 and inserting “2013”. John Monroe from Georgia Carry.Org spoke for the bill. Judge Susan Tate from the Council of Probate Courts Judges spoke in favor of Senator Mullis’ amendments. Keith Hatcher from the Georgia Realtors’ Association spoke to the bill, but remained neutral in his position.

Note: Senator Butler arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Senator Carter left at 4:53 p.m.

Terry Sult, Chief of Police from the Sandy Springs Police Department spoke for the bill. Senator Grant offered additional amendments to Senator Mullis' amendment by striking "2011" on line 571 and inserting "2012"; to strike "or long gun" and insert ", rifles, or shotguns"; to unstrike the sentence on lines 692 and 693 to go back to existing code; and to insert on line 797 after the word "action" the phrase "involving the use of a firearm". Senator Albers moved that the amendment do pass. Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The amendment passed 5-0. Senator Albers made a motion that **SB 102 "DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE as amended"**. Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-2 (Senators Mullis, Albers, and Murphy voted in favor and Senators Seay and Butler voted against)

SB 45 - by Senator Brown, 26th, Alcoholic Beverages; businesses where beverages are consumed/repeated incidents of violent conduct; impose penalties

The committee did not take action on the bill.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Ligon, 3rd
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Note: Senators Hamrick, 30th, Butler, 55th, and Murphy, 27th, were absent.

HB 123 - by Jay Powell, 171st, Weapon removal from public official; include stun guns and tasers; clarify

Representative Powell presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Albers made a motion that **HB 123 “DO PASS”**. Senator Seay seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

HB 101 - by Doug McKillip, 115th, Bicycles; safety; change provisions
Representative McKillip presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 29 4785S. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Albers made a motion that **HB 101 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Ligon seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

HB 261 - by Alex Atwood, 179th, Disclosure; certain public records exempt; provide
Representative Atwood presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ligon made a motion that **HB 261 “DO PASS”**. Senator Carter seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

NOTE: Senator Hamrick, 30th, arrived at 8:36 a.m.

HB 266 - by John Yates, 73rd, Carrying weapons; constables; authorize
Representative Yates presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Seay made a motion that **HB 266 “DO PASS”**. Senator Albers seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Grant, 25th, Chairman
Senator Albers, 56th, Vice Chairman
Senator Hamrick, 30th, Secretary
Senator Butler, 55th
Senator J. Carter, 42nd
Senator Murphy, 27th
Senator Seay, 34th

Chairman Grant, 25th, called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Note: Senator Ligon, 3rd was absent.

[HB 91](#) - by Timothy Bearden, 68th, **Drivers' licenses; felony offense demarcated on license; provisions**

By the request of the author, this bill was pulled from the agenda.

[HB 253](#) - by Doug Collins, 27th, **Public Safety, Department of; sell or trade surplus vehicles; allow**

Representative Collins, 27th, presented LC 35 2040 to the committee and offered the following amendments. To insert on line 30 "Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50" after the words "available funds." To strike the word "acquisition" on line 33. To insert on line 34 the words "Article 4" in front of "Chapter 5." Col Hitchens, GA State Patrol, and Joe Kim, DOAS, spoke in support of the bill. Senator Seay made a motion that **HB 253 "DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE"**. Senator Albers seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

Note: Senator Ligon, 3rd, arrived at 2:16 p.m.

[HB 203](#) - by Mack Jackson, 142nd, **Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council; investigate or discipline peace officers; notify**

Representative Jackson presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Seay made a motion that **HB 203 "DO PASS"**. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

[HB 269](#) - by Tom Rice, 51st, **Drivers' licenses; provide definitions; background checks; provisions**

Representative Rice presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 34 3064S. Jennifer Ammons from DDS explained the bill. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Albers offered the following amendment to insert on line 75 the word "grandparents" after "step-parents." Senator Seay seconded the motion. The amendment passed 5-0. Senator Albers made a motion that **HB 269 "DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE"**. Senator Seay seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick of the 30th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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Mr. Bob Ewing
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Dear Mr. Ewing,

I hereby submit the following bills upon which no action was taken by the Senate Public Safety Committee during the 2011 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[SB 5](#)
[SB 45](#)
[SB 53](#)
[SB 59](#)
[SB 60](#)
[SB 83](#)
[SB 126](#)
[SB 142](#)
[SB 205](#)
[SB 212](#)
[SB 238](#)
[SB 275](#)
[SR 479](#)
[HB 91](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans
Recording Secretary
Senate Public Safety Committee