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**2012 RULES OF THE
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be fifteen (15) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
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.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
6. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator designated by the author.

January 17, 2012

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 10:00 a.m. for the 2012 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Senator Hill and Representative Terry England, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, spoke before the Joint Appropriations Committees presenting them with a brief overview of his recommendations for the S.F.Y. 2012 Supplemental and S.F.Y. 2013 General Appropriations.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2012 Supplemental ([H.B. 741](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2013 General Appropriations ([H.B. 742](#)).

8. Dr. Kenneth Heaghey, State Fiscal Economist – Economic Outlook and Revenue Estimating
9. Susan Hart Ridley, Director – Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission
10. Doug MacGinnite, Commissioner – Department of Revenue
11. Dr. John Barge, State Superintendent – Department of Education
12. Hank Huckaby, Chancellor – University System of Georgia
13. Ron Jackson, Commissioner - Technical College System of Georgia
14. Bobby Cagle, Commissioner – Department of Early Care and Learning
15. Dana Russell, Executive Vice President – Student Finance Commission

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 17, 2012
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2012 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2012 Amended and FY2013 General Budgets

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
Balfour	Murphy
Bulloch	Rogers
Carter	Seay
Cowsert	Sims
Crosby	Staton
Fort	Tate
Grant	Thompson, C.
Hamrick	Thompson, S.
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Unterman
Williams	

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January 18, 2012

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:25 a.m. for the 2012 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Terry England, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Representative England and Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2012 Supplemental ([H.B. 741](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2013 General Appropriations ([H.B. 742](#)).

16. Brian Owens, Commissioner – Department of Corrections
17. Chris Cumiskey, Commissioner – Dept. of Economic Development
18. Col. Mark McDonough, Commissioner – Department of Public Safety
19. Chief Justice Carol Hunstein – Supreme Court of Georgia
20. MG James B. Butterworth, The Adjutant General – Department of Defense
21. Keith Golden, Deputy Commissioner/Interim Commissioner – Department of Transportation
22. Gale Buckner, Commissioner – Department of Juvenile Justice
23. Mark Williams, Commissioner – Department of Natural Resources
24. Jud Turner, Director, Environmental Protection Division
25. Curtis Foltz, Executive Director – Georgia Ports Authority
26. Gary Black, Commissioner – Department of Agriculture
27. Brian Kemp, Secretary of State – Office of Secretary of State

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 18, 2012

Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2012 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2012 Amended and FY2013 General Budgets

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
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January 19, 2012

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The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Senator Hill and Representative Terry England, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2012 Supplemental ([H.B. 741](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2013 General Appropriations ([H.B. 742](#)).

28. Clyde Reese, Commissioner – Department of Human Services
29. David Cook, Commissioner – Department of Community Health
30. Dr. Frank E. Shelp, Commissioner – Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
31. Debbie Dlugolenski, Director - Office of Planning and Budget
32. FY 2013 Federal Block Grant Hearings

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 19, 2012
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2012 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2012 Amended and FY2013 General Budgets

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson, Bill
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
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January 26, 2012

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 1:00 p.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

Adoption of 2012 Senate Appropriations Committee Rules – A motion was made “**Do pass**” by Mullis of the 53rd, seconded by Balfour of the 9th, passed by unanimous vote.

SB 302 – Staton of the 18th and others – Relating to the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority, so as to increase the amount of bonding authority

This legislation would increase the amount of bonding authority for the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority from \$300 to \$500 million.

Staton of the 18th, author of the bill, presented SB 302 to members of the Committee for review and favorable consideration.

A slide presentation was then provided to help understand the critical need of raising the amount of the bonding authority and to have this updated financing vehicle available in keeping pace with continuing growth.

Chancellor Hank Huckaby followed with a map showing the distribution of funding at various institutions around the state. He went on to explain the dramatic growth of the University System and the necessity of this bill to enhance the original legislation from the \$300 million mark to the requested \$500 million authorization, thereby improving flexibility on basic academic needs such as classroom and laboratory construction for years to come. The Chancellor concluded his presentation by informing members that he would personally be reviewing each forthcoming request closely for approval and consideration of funding.

Staton of the 18th accepted questions. Following a detailed discussion, a motion was made by Hooks of the 14th that **SB 302**, “**Do pass**”, seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. The bill passed with 18 in favor and 1 opposed (Heath of the 31st)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 26, 2012
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
S.B. 302

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson, Bill
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
Balfour	Murphy
Bulloch	Rogers
Carter	Seay
Cowsert	Sims
Crosby	Staton
Fort	Tate
Grant	Thompson, C.
Hamrick	Thompson, S.
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February 21, 2012

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 10:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

HB 741 by Ralston of the 7th and others – Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

A BILL to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

Hill of the 4th presented the Senate version of H.B. 741 to the Committee by providing a brief overview of the budget bill through a chart presentation followed by a line by line identification and explanation of all differences between the House and Senate versions.

In continuing comments, Chairman Hill thanked Governor Deal for his pro-active adjustment of the revenue estimate and proceeded by recognizing all Subcommittee Chairs and staff for the hard work and devotion required of them in order to balance the supplemental budget. He closed by noting the attendance of all Subcommittee Chairs present to assist with any questions from the Committee.

There were no questions. A motion was then moved by Mullis of the 53rd that **HB 741**, “**Do pass by substitute**”, seconded by Tolleson of the 20th. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

HB 760 by Coleman of the 97th and others – Elementary and secondary education; capital outlay funds replace exceptional growth program

This bill is relating to capital outlay funds for elementary and secondary education so as to replace the exceptional growth program used to determine capital outlay funding provided to local school systems due to an increased enrollment growth. It increases the maximum entitlement authorization level of funding for capital outlay projects available to local school systems from \$200 million to \$300 million. It eliminates the additional 2 percent reduction in the required local participation for new construction projects because the project uses a Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission design and management and finally, it combines entitlements earned by a local school system based on exceptional growth as of June 30, 2012, with its portion of any entitlements earned from the total authorization.

Representative Coleman of the 97th, author of the bill, provided a detailed analysis of the proposed legislation to the Committee and accepted questions.

After a brief discussion and questions, a motion was made by Hooks of the 14th that **HB 760**, “**Do pass**”, seconded by Sims of the 12th. The bill passed with 18 votes for and 1 opposed, (Hill of the 32nd).

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SB 403 – Millar of the 40th and others - Education; school health nurse programs; revise provisions

This bill is relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to school health nurse programs; to include school nurses in state formula funding based on full-time equivalent student counts, to provide for grants for supplies for school health nurse programs, and finally it provides for a state-level coordinator for school health nurse programs within the Department of Education. This bill is based on the final recommendations of the State Education Finance Study Commission.

Senator Millar of the 40th, author of the bill as well as Co-Chair of the State Education Finance Study Commission provided a detailed presentation of this legislation to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.

Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Unterman of the 45th that **SB 403**, “**Do pass as amended**”, seconded by Hooks of the 14th. The bill passed with 15 votes for and 1 opposed, (Hill of the 32nd).

SB 404 – Millar of the 40th and others – Education; provide for development of category– level expenditure controls for staff development funds

This bill relates to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the development of category-level expenditure controls for staff development funds; to include school level administrators in professional development funding under the Quality Basic Education Formula as well as providing for state-wide strategic initiatives for professional development.

Senator Millar of the 40th, author of the bill as well as Co-Chair of the State Education Finance Study Commission, provided the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee with a detailed presentation of SB 404 as well as an overview of the findings of the Commission relating to this legislation.

After several questions and requests for clarification, a motion was made by Unterman of the 45th that **SB 404**, “**Do pass by substitute**”, seconded by Carter of the 1st.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: February 21, 2012
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
H.B. 741
H.B. 760
S.B. 403
S.B. 404

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson, Bill
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
Balfour	Murphy
Bulloch	Rogers
Carter	Seay
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March 14, 2012

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 1:10 p.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill of the 4th, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

HB 1178 by Dickson of the 6th and others - Education, Department of; ten-year projection of costs for bills to create a program or funding category having impact on revenues or expenditures; require

This bill requires that all legislation having a significant impact on the anticipated revenue or expenditure level of the Department of Education because of creating a new program or funding category, the fiscal note must include a ten-year projection of the costs.

Rep. Dickson of the 6th, presented the bill and following minimal discussion, a motion was made by Mullis of the 53rd that **HB 1178**, “Do pass”, seconded by Seay of the 34th. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

HB 824 by Dudgeon of the 24th and others - Quality Basic Education Act; calculating equalization grants; revise method

This bill makes changes to the Quality Basic Education (QBE) requirement by re-calculating equalization grants and adding eligibility requirement.

A brief summary:

- Changes the definition of “guaranteed valuation” for calculation of equalization grant;
- Redefines “qualified local school system”;
- For eligible school districts, permits “equivalent millage,” a combination of local option sales taxes and property taxes; and
- Changes method of making midterm adjustments to equalization grants, following the revised definition of “guaranteed valuation.”

Rep. Dudgeon, author of the legislation, presented HB 824 in its original form to the Committee.

At this time, Chairman Hill instructed the special Senate Subcommittee on HB 824 made up of Grant of the 25th, Chair, Heath of the 31st, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, and Hooks of the 14th, to present the Committee with its recommendation. Sen. Grant presented the substitute which was based on report findings and recommendations of the Subcommittee members.

The proposed substitute would re-define key terms in calculating equalization grants, and in doing so; change the grant amount some school districts receive. In addition to removing certain exemptions from “guaranteed valuation,” the bill re-defines “guaranteed valuation” from 75th percentile to the “state-wide average” of assessed value per FTE count.

Second, the bill adds a definition as “qualified local school system” that has a millage rate or “equivalent millage rate” of 12 mills beginning July 1, 2015; 12 1/2 millage rate beginning July 1, 2016; 13 millage rate beginning July 2, 2017; 13 1/2 millage rate beginning July 1, 2018; and, a 14 millage rate beginning July 1, 2019. “Equivalent millage” would be a combination of local option sales tax (LOST) in combination with property taxes equal to millage generated by property tax alone. Equivalent millage is available only to eligible school districts.

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The bill would also revise midterm adjustments to equalization grants. Currently, adjustments are made in the grant when a qualified school system ranks at or below the 75th percentile of assessed valuation of all school districts. The bill would put into effect a mid-term adjustment when the school district is at or below the “guaranteed valuation”—which is, as above, the “state-wide average” of assessed value per FTE count.

Rep. Dudgeon and Sen. Grant accepted questions from the Committee and after minimal questions and requests for clarification, a motion was made by Murphy of the 27th that [HB 824](#), “**Do pass by substitute**”, seconded by Carter of the 1st. Unanimous vote.

[HB 811 by Powell of the 171st and others](#) – Budgetary and financial affairs; automatic fee adjustment in certain cases; provide

Rep. Powell of the 171st, author of the bill, presented it to the Committee for consideration.

Sen. Hill then instructed the special Senate Subcommittee on HB 811, made up of Goggans, 7th, Chair, Balfour of the 9th, Bulloch of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd and Sims of the 12th, to present the Committee with its recommendation and review of the substitute. Sen. Goggans presented the following substitute.

The bill would put in place automatic fee adjustments for certain fees collected, such as: the solid waste disposal fee, the tire disposal fee, and certain fees pertaining to traffic violations collected by the courts.

Specifically, for the purpose of making appropriations to the functions required to administer the programs supported by the fees collected, the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) must determine the base amount of the fee. “Base amount” is defined as the total amount of fee proceeds collected during the fiscal year proceeding the fiscal year for which the current appropriation amount is being determined.

Additionally, OPB must establish what amount would be 20 percent of the base amount collected in fees, and add same to the current appropriation to determine the target amount of appropriation. If the new appropriation is equal to or greater than 95 percent of the base amount, or equal to or greater than the target amount, the amount of the fee collected will not be reduced.

However, if the new appropriation amount is less than the target appropriation amount, the fees collected will automatically be reduced by 20 percent. In this case, OPB must notify the collecting entity, when the Appropriation Act becomes law. Any fiscal year when the appropriation again meets the target amount, the fee amount will increase back to the prior amount. This new automatic adjustment of fees does not preclude any appropriation of greater amounts from taking place by OBP. Each collecting agency affected by this bill must confer with OPB to promulgate rules and regulations as would be required, including appropriate public notification of any fee amount change.

Finally, the bill provides that this new Code section will not be implemented until January 1 of the calendar year following the state fiscal year in which the year-end balance of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve fund is equal to or greater than 7 percent of the fiscal year spending which immediately precedes that year. If in any subsequent fiscal year, the Revenue Shortfall Reserve falls below the 7 percent spending of the fiscal year immediately preceding, the operation of this Code section will be suspended.

The Senate committee substitute deleted language that would have made this newly-created Code section applicable to certain fees supporting indigent criminal defense.

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The following speakers testified in favor of the legislation:

Mr. Clint Mueller, Association County Commissioners of Georgia
Mr. Tom Gehl, Georgia Municipal Association
Mr. C. Alan Brown, Chairman of Joshua Brown Foundation

At the conclusion of several questions and a brief discussion, a motion was made by Thompson of the 33rd, that [HB 811](#), **“Do pass by substitute”**, seconded by Bulloch of the 11th. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 14, 2012
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
HB 1178
HB 824
SB 811

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson, Bill
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
Balfour	Murphy
Bulloch	Rogers
Carter	Seay
Cowsert	Sims
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Grant	Thompson, C.
Hamrick	Thompson, S.
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Unterman
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March 20, 2012

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 10:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

HB 742 by Ralston of the 7th and others - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

A BILL to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013.

Hill of the 4th presented the Senate version of HB 742 to the Committee by providing a brief overview of the budget bill by identifying and explaining all differences between the House and Senate versions.

Chairman Hill noted the attendance of all Subcommittee Chairs present to assist with any questions from the Committee.

There were no questions. A motion was then made by Williams of the 19th that **HB 742**, “**Do pass by substitute**”, seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

HR 1160 by Hugley of the 133rd and others – A Resolution compensating Mr. Lathan Rydell Word

This resolution directs and authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay the claim against the State of Georgia in the sum of \$400,000 through a 20-year annuity, with an initial lump sum payment of \$100,000 and monthly payments thereafter. These payments are not subject to state income taxes. This compensation is awarded to Mr. Lathan Rydell Word for his wrongful conviction, loss of liberty, lost wages and 11 years of incarceration and expenses in trying to prove his innocence.

Rep. Hugley of the 133rd, author of the resolution, presented it to the Committee, outlining the sequential events of this wrongful conviction case as well as the state’s role in determining how much compensation should be awarded for taking away one’s liberty and following his full exoneration of the wrongful conviction.

At this time, Chairman Hill instructed the Senate Compensation Study Committee, made up of Tate of the 38th, Chair, Hamrick of the 30th and Crosby of the 13th to present the Committee with its report findings and recommendations. In the absence of the Chair, Sen. Hooks presented the report and reviewed the details of Mr. Word’s wrongful imprisonment as well as the Study Committee’s intended recommendations.

A lengthy discussion and many questions followed. Others expressed opinions and concerns. At this time, Hooks of the 14th requested the pleasure of the Committee, a motion then followed by Mullis of the 53rd that **HR 1160**, “**Do pass**”, seconded by Seay of the 34th. The resolution passed with 15 votes for and 5 opposed, (Bulloch of the 11th, Heath of the 31st, Staton of the 18th, Goggans of the 7th, and Cowser of the 46th).

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HR 1161 by Buckner of the 130th and others – A Resolution compensating Mr. James A. Cauley and providing for state income tax exclusion with respect to such compensation

This resolution directs and authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay the claim against the State of Georgia in the sum of \$7,500.00 to Mr. James A. Cauley as compensation due to personal injury suffered while in a state owned facility. This amount is excluded from taxation.

Rep. Buckley of the 130th, presented the resolution to members of the Committee and explained the events of the personal injury claim.

This was followed by the recommendation of the Senate Compensation Study Committee, made up of Tate of the 38th, Chair, Hamrick of the 30th and Crosby of the 13th. In the absence of the Chair, Sen. Hooks presented the Committee's decision and reviewed the details of the case. He reported that by a unanimous vote, the Senate Compensation Study Committee's recommendation was in favor of this resolution.

Following a brief discussion, questions and requests for clarification, a motion was made by Crosby of the 13th that **HR 1161, "do pass"**, seconded by Grant of the 25th. The resolution passed with 10 votes for and 7 opposed (Bulloch of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Carter of the 1st, Jackson of the 24th, Goggans of the 7th, and Murphy of the 27th).

HB 535 by Oliver of the 83rd and others - War veterans homes; Veterans Service Board establish residency fee; authorize

This bill allows the Veterans Service Board to authorize by rule, for a reasonable fee for residency in and services provided by, a facility of the Georgia State War Veterans' home. The Board may also provide for a full or partial waiver of such fees based on economic need.

The Department of Veterans Services is authorized to receive, as full or partial payment for services, the assignment of any state or federal benefit.

Rep. Oliver of the 83rd presented and explained the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee. She then urged their consideration of this legislation.

At this time, Sen. Hill instructed the special Senate Subcommittee on HB 535, made up of Unterman of the 45th, Chair, Bulloch of the 11th, Thompson of the 5th and Balfour of the 9th to present the Committee with its recommendation.

Unterman of the 45th reported that the special subcommittee unanimously passed HB 535 with no proposed amendments or substitutes and requested a motion based on this recommendation.

Bulloch of the 11th made a motion that **HB 535, "Do pass"**, seconded by Unterman of the 45th. Unanimous vote.

HB 456 by Byrd of the 20th and others - Georgia Government Accountability Act; enact

Creates the General Assembly Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee:

- Provides that the Committee establish a method by which it will review each state agency for efficiency and productivity.
- Agencies scheduled for review must submit to the Committee a report outlining the agency's efficiency and productivity and the extent to which the agency uses state resources to meet the needs of the public.
- No later than six months after an agency's report is submitted, the Committee must review the report, and make recommendations on the abolition, continuation, or reorganization of the agency and the need for the continuation of the functions of the agency.
- Upon the one-year anniversary of the Committee's finding of same, such agency will be abolished; provided, that the General Assembly finds by adoption of a resolution, that the state laws the agency is responsible for implementing have been repealed, reassigned to another agency, and adequate provision has been made for the transfer of property and duties to a successor agency.

On behalf of the bill's author, Rep. Martin of the 47th presented HB 456 to the members of the Committee and accepted questions.

Chairman Hill of the 4th, followed with a clarification of the Committee Substitute explaining that this bill contains the same language as contained in the Conference Committee Report for SB 223, as previously approved by the Senate but with one exception: the CCR for SB 223 did not contain the effective date language contained in HB 456, which provides that the bill is effective upon the Governor's approval, or upon becoming law without such approval.

There were no questions. Bulloch of the 11th made the motion that **HB 456**, "**Do pass by substitute**", seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 20, 2012

Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee

HB 742

HB 456

HB 535

HR 1160

HR 1161

Hill-Chairman	Hooks
Goggans-Vice Chairman	Jackson, Bill
Golden-Secretary	Mullis
Balfour	Murphy
Bulloch	Rogers
Carter	Seay
Cowsert	Sims
Crosby	Staton
Fort	Tate
Grant	Thompson, C.
Hamrick	Thompson, S.
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Unterman
Williams	

Shaded = Present

August 31, 2012

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 Appropriations Committee during the 2012 Legislative Session:

[S.B. 197](#)

[S.B. 310](#)

[S.R. 704](#)

[S.R. 739](#)

[S.R. 1054](#)

[H.B. 33](#)

[H.B. 651](#)

[H.B. 648](#)

[H.R. 977](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela W. Touhy, Recording Secretary
Senate Appropriations Committee