

Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

2011-2012

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RULES

SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2012 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 five (5) 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, Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th

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

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the committee followed with introductions. The rules of the committee were discussed and the new quorum was increased to five. Senator Wilkinson, 50th made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Heath, 31st seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

SB 300 (Senator Bulloch of the 11th) Food Standards; to require proper labeling of bottles containing sugar cane or sorghum syrup

Senator Bulloch, 11th offered a substitute LC 40 0031S and presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Goggans, 7th made a motion that **SB 300 “DO PASS by Substitute”**. Senator Ginn, 47th seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

SB 305 (Senator Bulloch of the 11th) Georgia Lemon Law; increase the fee to be collected by new motor vehicle dealers from the consumer

Senator Bulloch, 11th presented the bill to the committee LC 35 2396. John Sours from the Governor’s Office of Consumer Protection spoke in support of the bill. Senator Goggans, 7th made a motion that **SB 305 “DO PASS”**. Senator Wilkinson, 50th seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-1. Senators Wilkinson, 50th, Ginn, 47th and Goggans, 7th voted in favor and Senator Heath, 31st, against.

Note: Senator Goggans, 7th left at 4:16 p.m.

Note: Senator Miller, 49th arrived at 4:17 p.m.

Note: Senator Jackson, 2nd arrived at 4:18 p.m.

Dean Scott Angle from the College of Agriculture gave a presentation to the committee regarding the state of the College.

Note: Senator Orrock, 36th arrived at 4:23 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senator Heath, 31st was absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

[SB 357](#) (Sen. John Wilkinson, 50th) Agriculture; repeal the "Georgia Treated Timber Products Act of 1973"

Senator Wilkinson, 50th presented the bill to the committee. Sydne Smith from Georgia Department of Agriculture spoke for the bill. Jeffrey Harvey from Georgia Farm Bureau spoke for the bill. Senator Miller, 49th made a motion that [SB 357](#) "DO PASS". Senator Ginn, 47th seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0

[SR 715](#) (Sen. Tommie Williams, 19th) Congress; urge to expand the eligibility requirements; H-2A guest worker program

Senator Williams, 19th presented the bill to the committee. Neil Herring from Sierra Club spoke to the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion that [SR 715](#) "DO PASS". Senator Miller, 49th seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th

Note: Senator Orrock, 36th was absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Note: Senator Orrock, 36th arrived at 4:14 p.m.

[SB 324](#) (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd) **Veterinary Medicine; clarify a certain definition**

Senator Mullis, 53rd presented the bill to the committee. Ralph Casey from Casey and Son's horseshoeing spoke for the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion that **[SB 324](#) "DO PASS"**. Senator Miller, 49th seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-2. Senators Wilkinson, 50th, Ginn, 47th, Goggans, 7th, Miller, 49th, and Orrock, 36th voted in favor and Senators Heath, 31st and Jackson, 2nd voted against.

[SB 362](#) (Sen. Williams, 19th) **Submerged Cultural Resources; permits; authorization to contract for investigation, survey; change certain provisions**

Senator Williams, 19th presented the bill to the committee. Gordon Rogers from Flint River Keepers spoke against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **[SB 362](#) "DO PASS"**. Senator Heath, 31st, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-1. Senators Wilkinson, 50th, Ginn, 47th, Goggans, 7th, Jackson, 2nd, Miller, 49th, and Heath, 31st voted in favor and Senators Orrock, 36th against.

[SB 390](#) (Sen. Bulloch, 11th) **Agriculture; provide immunity from civil liability for the agency designated to provide for seed certification**

Senator Bulloch, 11th presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion that **[SB 390](#) "DO PASS"**. Senator Goggans, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

[SB 367](#) (Sen. Bulloch, 11th) **Agriculture Commissioner; authorized to require persons incurring civil penalties to obtain a surety bond**

Senator Bulloch, 11th presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **[SB 367](#) "DO PASS"**. Senator Miller, 49th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senators Heath, 31st and Ginn, 47th were absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

[HB 832](#) (Rep. Tom McCall of the 30th) **Vidalia onion trademark; royalty and license fee not exceed a certain amount; eliminate requirement**

Senator Bulloch, 11th presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Goggans, 7th made a motion that **[HB 832](#) "DO PASS"**. Senator Orrock, 36th seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0. Sen. Bulloch, 11th will carry the bill in the Senate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th

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

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Per O.C.G.A 2-8-14, we made the following appointments to the Agricultural Commodity Commission.

Senator Goggans, 7th made a motion to reappoint Jimmy Clements to the Seed Commodity Commission. Senator Ginn, 47th seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion to appoint C.M. (Buddy) Leger as the Ex-Officio member of the Commodity Commission thus replacing Chop Evans. Senator Goggans, 7th seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Miller, 49th

Note: Senators Heath, 31st, Jackson, 2nd, and Orrock, 36th were absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

HB 409 (Rep. Gene Maddox, 172nd) Veterinarians; application for license; revise provisions

Representative Maddox, 172nd presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Miller, 49th, made a motion that **HB 409 “DO PASS”**. Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0. Senator Bulloch, 11th will carry in the Senate.

Note: Senator Orrock, 36th arrived at 2:06 p.m.

SR 1061 (Sen. John Bulloch, 11th) U.S. Dept. of Labor; urge to recall proposed policies

Senator Bulloch, 11th presented the resolution to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Miller, 49th, made a motion that **SR 1061 “DO PASS”**. Senator Goggans, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-1 with Sen. Wilkinson, 50th, Ginn, 47th, Goggans, 7th and Miller, 49th voting in favor and Senator Orrock, 36th opposed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senators Goggans, 7th, Jackson, 2nd and Miller, 49th were absent.

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

Note: Senator Jackson, 2nd arrived at 4:13 p.m.

HB 746 (Rep. Billy Maddox, 127th) Commissioner of Agriculture; final decision and reconsideration; clarify timing

Representative Maddox, 127th presented the bill to the committee. Ms. Sydne Smith from Georgia Department of Agriculture spoke in support of the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 746 “DO PASS”**. Senator Jackson, 2nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0. Sen. Ginn, 47th will carry the bill in the Senate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Secretary
Senator Ginn, 47th
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senators Heath, 31st and Miller, 49th were absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

HB 681 (Representative Pam Dickerson, 95th) Food sales and service establishments; revise definitions; exempt certain activities

Representative Dickerson, 95th presented a substitute to the committee LC 40 0192S. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion that **HB 681 “DO PASS by Substitute”**. Senator Jackson, 2nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0. Senator Balfour, 9th will carry in the Senate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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May 25, 2012

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 2012 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[Senate Bill 314](#)
[Senate Resolution 43](#)
[House Bill 205](#)

Sincerely,

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