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**SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2011-2012 RULES**

1. Quorum of the committee shall be six (6) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which cases or investigations shall be heard and the order in which said hearings are to commence.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer cases or investigations to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such cases to the full committee.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, put all questions and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman, subject to the rules of the Senate.
5. Any member or members of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
6. After adoption, these rules may be amended upon motion duly made, seconded, and subsequently approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the committee.
7. The secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these rules to all members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee.

SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 125 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32 nd , Chairman	Millar, 40 th
Golden, 8 th , Vice Chairman	Ramsey, Sr., 43 rd
Heath, 31 st , Secretary	Seay, 34 th
Gooch, 51 st	Shafer, 48 th
Jeffares, 17 th	Unterman, 45 th

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

SB 322 (Stoner, 6th) – “Georgia Taxpayer Receipt Act of 2012”; website

Senator Stoner, 6th, presented the bill to the committee (LC 34 3235).

There was some discussion regarding the language and upon Chairman Judson Hill’s recommendation, the following substitute was submitted:

Line 3 after “itemized”, insert “estimated”
Line 20 after “obtain a” insert “an estimated”
Line 21 after “taxes” insert “and state sales tax”.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Seay, 34th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. Senator Shafer, 48th, and Senator Unterman, 45th, were not present for the vote. **SB 322 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

SB 343 (Heath, 31st) – State Accounting Office; designate as the Comptroller General; transfer office

Senator Heath, 31st, presented the bill to the committee (LC 28 5964-EC).

There was some discussion.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Millar, 40th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. Senator Shafer, 48th, and Senator Unterman, 45th, were not present for the vote. **SB 343 DO PASS.**

SR 673 (Cowsert, 46th) – U.S. Congress; renewed application to call for a convention; proposing amendment to Constitution. (HEARING ONLY)

Senator Cowsert, 46th, presented the bill to the committee.

The following testified before the committee:

Jan Barton, North Fulton Tea Party; Susan Stanton, Georgia Tea Party; Chris Owen, Georgia Republican Party; Maggie Harford; Laurie Padgett, Georgia Republican Party; Debbie Staver, Sarah Salzberry; Nolan Cox, Lowndes County Chairman, Senator Mike Crane; Sue Ella Deadwyler.

There was a lot of discussion in support and opposition to the bill.

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – 125 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32 nd , Chairman	Jeffares, 17 th
Golden, 8 th , Vice Chairman	Millar, 40 th
Heath, 31 st , Secretary	Ramsey, Sr., 43 rd
Gooch, 51 st	Seay, 34 th

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

SR 673 (Cowsert, 46th) – U.S. Congress; renewed application to call for convention; proposing amendment to Constitution of the United States

Senator Cowsert, 46th, presented the bill to the committee (LC 25 5983).

There was some discussion.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Millar, 40th, seconded the motion. The vote was 6/1, with Senator Seay, 34th, voting Nay. **SR 673 DO PASS.**

SB 424 (Heath, 31st) – Foundations of American Law and Government Displays; revise provisions

Senator Heath, 31st, presented the bill to the committee (LC 28 6072).

There was some discussion.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Millar, 40th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. **SB 424 DO PASS.**

HB 642 (Collins, 27th) – Georgia Services Administration; create; revise several Titles

Representative Collins, 27th, presented the bill to the committee (LC 25 5993-ECS).

There was some discussion.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Millar, 40th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. **HB 642 DO PASS.** Senator Chance, 16th, will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

HB 805 (Collins, 27th) – State Personnel Administration; abolition; make conforming amendments and correct references

Representative Collins, 27th, presented the bill to the committee (LC 25 5992-EC).

There was some discussion.

Senator Millar, 40th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Ramsey, Sr., 43rd, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. **HB 805 DO PASS.** Senator Chance, 16th, will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

SR 766 (Hill, 32nd) – U.S. Congress; urged to adopt/submit to states a balanced budget amendment to U. S. Constitution and balance current budget

Senator Hill, 32nd, Chairman, presented the bill to the committee (LC 28 5967).

There was some discussion. A substitute was made as follows:

Line 10, strike “14” and enter “16”.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The vote was 6/1 with Senator Seay, 34th, voting Nay. **SR 766 DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE.**

SB 320 (Orrock, 36th) – State Government; no state agency shall enter into a contract with private entity; provision of services; outside the geographical boundaries of the U.S.

Senator Orrock, 36th, presented the bill to the committee (LC 28 5877).

There was some discussion and Chairman Hill, 32nd, decided to hold the bill in committee for further study.

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 – 125 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32 nd , Chairman	Jeffares, 17 th
Golden, 8 th , Vice Chairman	Seay, 34 th
Heath, 31 st , Secretary	Shafer, 48 th
Gooch, 51 st	Unterman, 45 th

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

SB 508 (Hill, 32nd) – Competitive award requirements; public advertisements

Representative Hembree 67th, presented the bill to the committee on behalf of Chairman Hill, 32nd (LC 21 1762S).

Elizabeth Apply, AFL-CIO, testified before the committee.

There was some discussion and the committee presented the following substitute:

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Gooch, 51st, seconded the motion. The vote was 5/1 with Senator Seay, 34th, voting Nay. Senator Unterman, 45th, was not present for the vote. **SB 508 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

SB 506 (Mullis, 53rd) – State government; certain health care providers engaged in graduate medical education training programs

Senator Mullis, 53rd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Seay, 34th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Unterman, 45th, was not present for the vote. **SB 506 DO PASS.**

SB 320 (Orrock, 36th) – State government; no state agency shall enter into a contract with private entity; provision of services; outside the geographical boundaries of the U.S.

Senator Orrock, 36th, presented the bill to the committee with the following substitute (LC 28 5877).

Insert after “United States” on line 16, “except for those limited circumstances where the nature of the service being performed is unique to the location and cannot be performed within the boundaries of the United States.”

The following people testified before the committee:

Elizabeth Apply, AFL-CIO, and Eric Richardson, CWA Local 3204.

There was some discussion.

Senator Seay, 34th, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. **SB 320 DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE.**

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 – 125 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32 nd , Chairman	Gooch, 51 st
Golden, 8 th , Vice Chairman	Jeffares, 17 th
Heath, 31 st , Secretary	Seay, 34 th

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

HB 863 (Hatchett, 143rd) – State purchasing; purchases without competitive bidding

Representative Hatchett, 143rd, presented the bill to the committee (HB 863/CSFA).

There was some discussion.

Senator Gooch, 51st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5/0. **HB 863 DO PASS.** Senator Grant, 25th, will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

HB 766 (Benton, 31st) – Archives and history, Division of; law regarding Foundation of American Law and Government displays; revise provisions

Representative Benton, 31st, presented the bill to the committee.

After some discussion the committee decided to hold this bill in committee for further study.

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – 125 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32 nd , Chairman	Seay, 34 th
Heath, 31 st , Secretary	Williams, 19 th , Ex-Officio
Jeffares, 17 th	Thompson, 5 th , Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:56 p.m.

HB 766 (Rep. Benton, 31st) – Archives and History, Division of; law regarding Foundation of American Law and Government displays; revise provisions

Representative Benton, 31st, presented the bill to the committee (LC 28 5939).

There was some discussion.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Thompson, 5th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5/0. **HB 766 DO PASS.** Senator Heath, 31st, will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

Senator Tommie Williams
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The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

March 21, 2012

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

Dear Bob:

In accordance with Senate Rules, the Committee on Assignments has appointed Senator Curt Thompson and Senator Tommie Williams to serve as Ex-Officio members for the Senate Government Oversight Committee. This appointment 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

August 14, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

The Senate Government Oversight Committee respectfully submits the following Senate bills left in committee during the 2012 session of the Georgia General Assembly:

[SB 97](#)
[SB 106](#)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Judy LaClair
Recording Secretary