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2012 Session

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**RULES OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
TO SET THE RULES CALENDAR**

2012

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are eligible to be considered and the order in which said measures are placed upon the Calendar for Senate consideration.
4. A bill or resolution will be considered by the Rules Committee as a committee only after at least one presentation to the Committee by one of its principle authors or designee.
5. The Chairman shall have the right to refer bills or resolutions to subcommittee for study and recommendations.
6. The Chairman, in his discretion, may allow individual members of the Committee to place a bill or resolution upon the Calendar so long as the measure is chosen from those determined to be eligible for consideration by the Chairman.
7. If an eligible bill or resolution is objected to by any member of the Committee, the Committee, upon majority vote, may nevertheless place the same upon the calendar.
8. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Hooks, 14th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Rules of the Senate Rules Committee for 2012 were presented to the committee for passage.

A wording change on rule number 4 was presented by Chairman Balfour.

The new language to be inserted after the word “considered” is as follows: “by the Rules Committee as a committee”

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Williams, 19th, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, that the new language be adopted for the Rules of the Senate Rules Committee for 2012. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

SB 117

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hamrick, 30th, seconded by Senator Hill, 4th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

/s/ Senator Don Balfour 9th, Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, January 30, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Henson, 41st
Rogers, 21st
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[**SB 136**](#) [**SB 300**](#) [**SB 301**](#) [**SB 307**](#) [**SB 309**](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Tolleson, 20th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Williams, 19th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Unterman, 45th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 302](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hooks, 14th, seconded by Senator Tolleson, 20th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Balfour, 9th, Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th

Vice-Chairman Hamrick called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[**SB 225**](#)

[**SB 227**](#)

[**SB 305**](#)

[**SB 319**](#)

[**HB 477**](#)

[**HB 683**](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Tolleson, 20th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, February 6, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Rogers, 21st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 337](#) [SB 339](#) [HB 675](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Tolleson, 20th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Rogers, 21st
Unterman, 45th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 343](#) [SB 351](#) [SB 352](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Williams, 19th, seconded by Senator Hamrick, 30th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Henson, 41st
Hooks, 14th
Grant, 25th
Rogers, 21st
Tolleson, 20th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hill, 4th
Shafer, 48th
Unterman, 45th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 333](#) [SB 357](#) [SR 715](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Staton, 18th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Grant, 25th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Henson, 41st
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 246](#) [SB 269](#) [SB 286](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded by Senator Staton, 18th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

/s/ Senator Don Balfour, 9th, Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Henson, 41st
Hooks, 14th
Grant, 25th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[**SB 331**](#) [**SB 358**](#) [**SB 366**](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Williams, 19th, seconded by Senator Staton, 18th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

/s/ Senator Don Balfour, 9th, Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hooks, 14th
Unterman, 45th

Vice-Chairman Hamrick called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

HB 48 - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), the bill was referred by the Senate Rules committee to the Senate Finance Committee from the General Calendar.

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hill, 4th, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, to refer **HB 48** to the Senate Finance committee from the General Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

SB 107 **SB 362** **SB 369** **SB 395**

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Williams, 19th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

/s/ Senator Bill Hamrick, 30th, Vice Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Friday, February 17, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Butler, 55th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Grant, 25th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[**SB 367**](#) [**SB 383**](#) [**SB 390**](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Staton, 18th, seconded by Senator Williams, 19th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 239](#) [SB 324](#) [SB 332](#) [SB 338](#)
[SB 360](#) [SB 361](#) [SB 370](#) [SB 396](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Unterman 45th, seconded by Senator Bulloch, 11th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Williams, 19th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Unterman, 45th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 153](#) [SB 289](#) [SB 316](#) [SB 378](#) [SB 382](#)
[SB 385](#) [SB 402](#) [SR 646](#) [HB 741](#) [HB 829](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Tolleson 20th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Rogers, 21st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 372](#) [SB 447](#) [SR 765](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Staton, 18th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was 14 yeas and 2 nays. The nay votes were Senator Butler, 55th and Senator Henson, 41st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Friday, February 24, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hooks, 14th
Tolleson, 20th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 269](#) [SB 441](#) [SB 448](#) [HB 800](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hill, 4th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, February 27, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 176](#) [SB 293](#) [SB 340](#) [SB 350](#) [SB 365](#)
[SB 371](#) [SB 430](#) [SB 446](#) [SR 590](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Mullis, 53rd, seconded by Senator Hamrick, 30th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

None

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The following legislation, assigned to the Rules Committee, was considered:

[SR 1065](#) (Thompson 33rd) Amending the Rules of the Senate to change the way Committee of Conference reports are printed and distributed...

Senator Steve Thompson spoke about the bill.

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hamrick, 30th, seconded by Senator Bulloch, 11th, that **SR 1065 DO NOT PASS**. There were 15 yeas and 2 nays. The 2 nay votes were Senator Butler, 55th, and Senator Henson, 41st.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 238](#)
[SB 404](#)
[SB 429](#)

[SB 346](#)
[SB 405](#)
[SB 321](#)

[SB 348](#)
[SB 406](#)
[SR 858](#)

[SB 381](#)
[SB 412](#)
[HR 1103](#)

[SB 384](#)
[SB 424](#)
[HR 1162](#)

[SB 403](#)
[SB 427](#)

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A **MOTION** was made by Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Rogers, 21st
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<u>SB 257</u>	<u>SB 284</u>	<u>SB 288</u>	<u>SB 355</u>	<u>SB 373</u>	<u>SB 386</u>
<u>SB 407</u>	<u>SB 410</u>	<u>SB 414</u>	<u>SB 416</u>	<u>SB 428</u>	<u>SB 431</u>
<u>SB 458</u>	<u>SB 464</u>	<u>SB 470</u>	<u>SB 483</u>		

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Balfour 9th, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

None

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<u>SB 87</u>	<u>SB 292</u>	<u>SB 299</u>	<u>SB 312</u>	<u>SB 348</u>	<u>SB 350</u>
<u>SB 356</u>	<u>SB 364</u>	<u>SB 368</u>	<u>SB 379</u>	<u>SB 380</u>	<u>SB 406</u>
<u>SB 411</u>	<u>SB 432</u>	<u>SB 438</u>	<u>SB 459</u>	<u>SB 460</u>	<u>SB 465</u>
<u>SB 468</u>	<u>SB 469</u>	<u>SB 471</u>	<u>SB 473</u>	<u>SB 489</u>	<u>SB 492</u>
<u>SB 493</u>	<u>SB 501</u>	<u>SB 506</u>	<u>SB 508</u>	<u>SR 843</u>	<u>SR 873</u>

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Rogers, 21st, seconded by Senator Mullis 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was considered for the **CONSENT CALENDAR EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE SENATE** for the next session day:

[SR 673](#) [SR 766](#) [SR 848](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Staton, 18th, seconded by Senator Mullis 53rd, that the **CONSENT CALENDAR EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE SENATE** be placed on the agenda for the next session day. The vote was 16 yeas and 1 nay. The nay vote was Senator Steve Henson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 48](#) [HB 110](#) [HB 175](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hamrick, 30th, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, March 12, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Shafer, 48th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rule's calendar for the next session day:

[HB 642](#) [HB 729](#) [HB 805](#) [HB 895](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Mullis, 53rd, seconded by Senator Hamrick, 30th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Bulloch, 11th
Hill, 4th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 706](#) [HB 713](#) [HB 760](#) [HB 886](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Mullis, 53rd, seconded by Senator Goggans, 7th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th – left meeting before voting
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Rogers, 21st
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 39](#) [HB 868](#) [HB 900](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Butler, 55th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Balfour, 9th, Chairman

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, March 19, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Henson, 41st
Rogers, 21st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 409](#) [HB 514](#) [HB 832](#) [HB 863](#) [HB 1146](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Williams, 19th
Cowser, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

[HB 899](#) (Brockway, 101st) Primaries and elections; dates of nonpartisan elections; provide
Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10 (b), this bill was referred by the Senate Rules committee to the Senate Rules Committee as a Committee from the General Calendar.

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Balfour, 9th, seconded by Senator Hamrick, 30th, to refer **HB 899** to the Senate Rules Committee as a Committee from the General Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was placed on the Rule's calendar for the next session day:

[HB 93](#) [HB 183](#) [HB 208](#) [HB 237](#) [HB 434](#)
[HB 711](#) [HB 742](#) [HB 785](#) [HB 845](#) [HB 897](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hamrick, 30th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman - did not vote on HB 899
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary - did not vote on HB 899
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st - did not vote on HB 899
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio - did not vote on HB 899
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Henson, 41st

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

[HB 899](#) - Makes revisions to Georgia election law...

Chairman Balfour stated that the HB 899 substitute is a combination of the original HB 899, HB 725 and HB 776. There are no changes to any of the original legislation except to combine all three bills into one substitute. There was no discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Tolleson, 20th, that **HB 899 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 181](#) [HB 272](#) [HB 297](#) [HB 472](#) [HB 535](#)
[HB 811](#) [HB 835](#) [HB 879](#) [HB 985](#) [HB 1132](#)
[HR 1160](#) [HR 1161](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Roger 21st, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

None

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<u>HB 250</u>	<u>HB 548</u>	<u>HB 635</u>	<u>HB 636</u>	<u>HB 685</u>	<u>HB 692</u>
<u>HB 728</u>	<u>HB 732</u>	<u>HB 733</u>	<u>HB 769</u>	<u>HB 792</u>	<u>HB 795</u>
<u>HB 797</u>	<u>HB 817</u>	<u>HB 824</u>	<u>HB 865</u>	<u>HB 869</u>	<u>HB 872</u>
<u>HB 898</u>	<u>HB 916</u>	<u>HB 933</u>	<u>HB 942</u>	<u>HB 944</u>	<u>HB 954</u>
<u>HB 991</u>	<u>HB 1051</u>	<u>HB 1052</u>	<u>HB 1080</u>	<u>HB 1115</u>	<u>HB1166</u>
<u>HB 1198</u>					

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Bulloch, 11th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Monday, March 26, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Henson, 41st
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

None

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

SR 1014 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Mountain Caucus of the Georgia State Senate; create

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Mullis 53rd, seconded by Senator Staton, 18th, that **SR 1014 DO PASS**. The vote was unanimous.

SR 1220 (Sen. McKoon, 29th) Senate Study Committee on Georgia Ethics and Accountability; create

Senator Williams, 19th, asked that on line 16 the Senate minority leader be changed to the Senate President Pro Tempore.

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hooks, 14th, seconded by Senator Unterman, 45th, that **SR 1220 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. The vote was unanimous.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<u>HB 100</u>	<u>HB 198</u>	<u>HB 247</u>	<u>HB 318</u>	<u>HB 332</u>	<u>HB 334</u>
<u>HB 337</u>	<u>HB 347</u>	<u>HB 351</u>	<u>HB 397</u>	<u>HB 456</u>	<u>HB 463</u>
<u>HB 534</u>	<u>HB 541</u>	<u>HB 634</u>	<u>HB 665</u>	<u>HB 684</u>	<u>HB 707</u>
<u>HB 743</u>	<u>HB 744</u>	<u>HB 745</u>	<u>HB 746</u>	<u>HB 766</u>	<u>HB 786</u>
<u>HB 808</u>	<u>HB 818</u>	<u>HB 822</u>	<u>HB 827</u>	<u>HB 846</u>	<u>HB 851</u>
<u>HB 861</u>	<u>HB 875</u>	<u>HB 896</u>	<u>HB 899</u>	<u>HB 923</u>	<u>HB 924</u>
<u>HB 928</u>	<u>HB 929</u>	<u>HB 930</u>	<u>HB 932</u>	<u>HB 945</u>	<u>HB 965</u>
<u>HB 971</u>	<u>HB 972</u>	<u>HB 987</u>	<u>HB 990</u>	<u>HB 997</u>	<u>HB 1024</u>
<u>HB 1026</u>	<u>HB 1027</u>	<u>HB 1048</u>	<u>HB 1049</u>	<u>HB 1066</u>	<u>HB 1067</u>
<u>HB 1069</u>	<u>HB 1071</u>	<u>HB 1089</u>	<u>HB 1093</u>	<u>HB 1102</u>	<u>HB 1110</u>
<u>HB 1114</u>	<u>HB 1117</u>	<u>HB 1165</u>	<u>HB 1176</u>	<u>HB 1178</u>	<u>HR 1150</u>
<u>HR 1151</u>	<u>HR 1177</u>	<u>HR 1376</u>			

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Hill, 4th, seconded by Senator Mullis, 53rd, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Room 450 Capitol

Members Present:

Balfour, 9th, Chairman
Hamrick, 30th, Vice-Chairman
Mullis, 53rd, Secretary
Bulloch, 11th
Butler, 55th
Grant, 25th
Hill, 4th
Hooks, 14th
Rogers, 21st
Shafer, 48th
Tolleson, 20th
Unterman, 45th
Williams, 19th
Goggans, 7th, Ex-Officio
Staton, 18th, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Henson, 41st
Cowsert, 46th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Balfour called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SR 104](#) [SR 979](#) [SR 1014](#) [SR 1220](#)

A **MOTION** was made by Senator Goggans, 7th, seconded by Senator Unterman, 45th, to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis, 53rd, Secretary

/s/ Beverly Crumbley, Recording Secretary



SENATOR DON BALFOUR

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April 16, 2012

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Bob:

On behalf of Senate Rules Chairman, Don Balfour, and as recording secretary for the Senate Rules Committee, the following committee bills and resolutions are respectfully returned to you. This legislation was assigned to the standing Rules Committee.

<u>SB 12</u>	<u>SB 209</u>	<u>SB 391</u>	<u>SB 500</u>	<u>SB 538</u>
<u>SR 122</u>	<u>SR 153</u>	<u>SR 225</u>	<u>SR 238</u>	<u>SR 381</u>
<u>SR 493</u>	<u>SR 601</u>	<u>SR 730</u>	<u>SR 845</u>	<u>SR 1011</u>
<u>SR 1053</u>	<u>SR 1068</u>	<u>SR 1242</u>		

These bills and resolutions were not acted on by the Senate Rules Committee during the 2012 legislative session.

Respectfully,

/s/ Beverly Crumbley
Senate Rules Committee Recording Secretary