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Senate Transportation Committee Rules

2011 - 2012

1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5-1].
2. The quorum for the Transportation Committee shall be six (6) members.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon order of the Chairman.
5. The Chairman shall determine which bills, amendments, and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which measures are considered.
6. The Chairman shall have sole 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. All actions of any subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
7. These Rules may be amended or waived upon motion made and subsequently approved by a majority of the members of the Committee present at the meeting.
8. The Secretary of the Committee will have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the Senate.
9. The recording of the minutes of the Committee and the Subcommittee shall comply with Senate Rule [2-1.7(d)].
10. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee Rules.
11. Bills and resolutions, at the option of the Chairman, may be acted on at the first reading.
12. The Senate Transportation Committee has adopted rules for road naming/dedication Ch. 3, Pg. 7; Rule (3-4.01).

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**Senate Transportation Subcommittees
2012**

Airports & Seaports

Sen. Butch Miller, Sub-Committee Chair

Sen. Judson Hill, Member
Sen. Valencia Seay, Member
Sen. Ross Tolleson, Member
Sen. Jeff Mullis, Ex-Officio

Intermodal, Rail & Transit

Sen. Doug Stoner, Sub-Committee Chair

Sen. Bill Jackson, Member
Sen. Cecil Staton, Member
Sen. Jeff Mullis, Ex-Officio

Roads & Bridges

Sen. Steve Gooch, Sub-Committee Chair

Sen. Barry Loudermilk, Member
Sen. Steve Thompson, Member
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, Member
Sen. Jeff Mullis, Ex-Officio

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

January 31, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on January 31, 2012, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Tippins of the 37th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

SB 339 (Miller, 49th) **Georgia Aviation Authority; provide transfer of certain personnel, aircraft, to Dept. of Natural Resources and State Forestry Commission**

Senator Miller presented the bill. The bill transfers people and planes from the Georgia Aviation Authority back to DNR and the Forestry Commission. Both agencies may enter into agreements with the GAA for mutual use of state airfields and appurtenances, including the development of an appropriate joint billing structure for passenger transportation.

Senator Staton moved that **SB 339 DO PASS** and Senator Stoner seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 339 DO PASS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee

February 2, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 2, 2012, in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Stoner of the 6th, Tippins of the 37th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

SB 239 (Miller, 49th) *License Plates; unregistered vehicle; presumption of residency under certain circumstances; displaying out-of-state license plate*

Senator Miller presented the bill. The bill establishes a legal presumption that any vehicle displaying an out-of-state license plate that is stopped in this state and that is being operated by a driver with a valid Georgia driver's license that was issued more than 60 days prior to such stop is considered an unregistered vehicle being operated by a resident of this state.

This legislation also establishes a legal presumption that any vehicle displaying an out-of-state license plate that is observed in a county more than 60 days following an initial recorded observation of such vehicle in the same county is considered an unregistered vehicle being operated by a resident of this state. An officer will be authorized to stop such vehicle for purposes of determining whether the vehicle is unregistered. The charging officer must record the date and location of the initial observation of the vehicle and the identity of the observing party on any uniform traffic citation.

The driver in either instance may be charged for noncompliance unless the driver is able to provide:

- A valid military identification card;
- A current student identification card for attendance in a postsecondary school of this state;
- Documentation evidencing a residence in another state which is owned or leased by the driver; or
- Such other evidence that, in the discretion of the officer, establishes that the driver is a nonresident otherwise operating the vehicle in compliance with the law.

A citation will not result in impoundment, and a conviction will be a misdemeanor punished by a fine of at least \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment up to 12 months, or both.

The bill was presented for ***Hearing only*** and will be brought to a vote at a later date.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Willett and Jim Touchton of Catoosa County, Georgia, spoke in favor of the bill.

SB 239 Hearing Only

The Chairman invited Barrier Systems Inc. to present testimony about moveable barrier systems to the committee as alternatives to congestion mitigation. Gary Kaplan, Steve Garren, and Steve Parks spoke to the committee on behalf of the company.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

February 9, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 9, 2012 in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson left at 3:00 p.m.

[SB 239](#) (Miller, 49th) *License Plates; unregistered vehicle; presumption of residency under certain circumstances; displaying out-of-state license plate*

Senator Miller and TJ Kaplan presented the bill. The bill allows a court to infer that the driver of a vehicle with an out-of-state tag (when stopped by an officer) is a resident if the driver has a Georgia license issued more than 30 days prior. The committee sub makes exceptions for the military, postsecondary students, a person that borrowed a car from a nonresident, a person that is driving a car owned by a corporation incorporated outside of the state, and a person that owns/leases an out-of-state residence. The bill also requires insurers to notify DDS when an insurance policy is transferred to another state.

The issue is with residents going to surrounding states to register their cars because there is no ad valorem tax in these states (or significant difference in cost). The committee sub specifies that an officer does not have probable cause to make an initial stop for having an out-of-state tag (there must be cause from some other violation); however, if the vehicle remains unregistered 30 days after, the officer may stop the vehicle on this basis alone.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Willet and private citizen Jim Touchton spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Murphy moved that **SB 239 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Stoner seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

[SB 239](#) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

The Georgia Department of Transportation showed a video about the airports in the State of Georgia. Discussion about the TIA and if it passes the money the state brings in could be used to fund important airport projects. The state of Georgia has 104 airports and has a yearly budget of \$2 million dollars; compared to Florida which has 105 airports and a \$168 million dollar budget. Airports are vital to the economic development of our state.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

February 16, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 16, 2012 in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

[HR 1103](#) (Sims, 119th) ***Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial Highway; Richmond County; dedicate***

Chairman Mullis presented the resolution. The resolution dedicates the Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial Highway. James D. Paugh was a dedicated deputy with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years. His life was tragically cut short after stopping behind a vehicle on Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond County when the occupant of the vehicle opened fire upon him. Senator Hardie Davis will be the Senate sponsor.

Senator Seay moved that **HR 1103 DO PASS** and Senator Staton seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[HR 1103 DO PASS](#)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53rd, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee

February 23, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 23, 2012 in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Gooch of the 51st, Jackson of the 24th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Miller of the 49th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

SB 373 (Mullis, 53rd) *Counties; provide authority; operate vehicle for hire equipped to transport passengers in wheelchair throughout the state*

Chairman Mullis presented a committee substitute to the bill. The substitute allows vehicles for hire that transport passengers in wheelchairs to operate in other counties and cities if regulated by at least one county/city. As long as the vehicle has obtained a certificate of public necessity and convenience (CPNC) or medallion from at least one county or city, the vehicle may operate in any county or city in the state which does not regulate vehicles for hire and in any county or city that does regulate vehicles for hire, but in which there are no such vehicles that provide these services. Further, such vehicles may originate trips in the jurisdiction in which they have a CPNC or medallion to operate, may deliver an individual utilizing a wheelchair outside this regulatory jurisdiction, and may pick up any individual, whether he or she utilizes a wheelchair or not, in the destination jurisdiction for a return trip.

Impetus for the bill is the lack of handicap-accessible taxis in Atlanta and that currently a taxi that has a certificate/medallion to operate in one local jurisdiction, but not another, can take a passenger out of its operating jurisdiction to his/her destination, but has to wait for another passenger to take back before returning to the originating destination.

John Keys and three disabled members of the Georgia Independent Living Council and one member of Disability Link spoke in favor of the bill. A private citizen spoke about how difficult it is to get a taxi in Atlanta with wheelchair access.

Senator Miller moved that **SB 373 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Seay seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 373 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Senator Loudermilk arrived at 4:33 p.m.

SB 468 (Miller, 49th) Rules of the Road; bicycles; single file on roadways not specially designated for the use of bicycles

Senator Miller presented a committee substitute to the bill. The bill requires persons riding bicycles on roadways to ride in single file when a motor vehicle is within 300 feet on two-lane roads traveling in the same direction and within the same lane. Exceptions under current law still exist: bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, or when a special event permit issued by a local governing authority permits riding more than two abreast.

The main issue is that bikes riding two abreast are impeding traffic and causing safety problems for motorists trying to pass them. Senator Gooch had questions as to whether bikes need to be registered (no), have insurance (no), lights at night (yes). They are treated as pedestrians in traffic rules. Other discussion centered on testimony of bicyclists who agreed that the bill creates a safety issue for them because fathers/husbands always want to ride to the left of their children/wives – but all drop back into single file if a car is coming. Only three states prohibit two abreast riding.

Several private citizens that are bicyclists spoke against this bill for safety reasons (listed above). Neutral were the National Bicycle Dealers Association (do not want to affect tourism/commerce), Atlanta Bicycle Coalition (suggested changes which would prohibit riding in single file if impeding traffic) and a private citizen (in favor of development policies that create bicycle lanes around cities).

Senator Miller moved that **SB 468 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Stoner seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 468 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

February 28, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 28, 2012 in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd, Jackson of the 24th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Miller of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 33rd, Tippins of the 37th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

[SB 444](#) (Mullis, 53rd) *Motor Vehicles; provide for definitions; notification of the use of speed detection and enforcement devices*****

Chairman Mullis presented a committee substitute to the bill. The substitute authorizes the use of safety zone speed detection and enforcement devices to capture recorded images of motor vehicles exceeding the speed limit within a highway work zone. Violators will be punished by a fine of at least \$100, but no more than \$400. Dan Vasperbille and Ben Vinson from McKenna Long & Aldridge spoke in favor of the bill. Commissioner Keith Golden was also in favor of the bill.

A pilot program was started in 2010/2011. Senators S. Thompson, B. Jackson, and Loudermilk had issues with the fact that current law imposes a criminal penalty for an actual violation; recorded image of a violation only has a civil penalty.

Senator Steve Thompson moved that **SB 444 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The bill passed 5-4 with yea votes from Senators B. Jackson, Seay, Stoner, S. Thompson, and Tolleson; and nay votes from Senators Gooch, Judson Hill, Loudermilk, and Tippins.

[SB 444 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

NOTE: Senator Steve Thompson left at 1:19 p.m.

SR 819 (Davis, 22nd) **Senate Alternative Sustainable Transportation Study Committee; create**

Senator Davis presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Alternative Sustainable Transportation Study Committee. The committee will analyze the benefits and costs of implementation and development of alternative transportation strategies in Georgia. It will be composed of seven members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

Senator Bill Jackson moved that **SR 819 DO PASS** and Senator Seay seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

SR 819 DO PASS

NOTE: Senators Miller & Murphy arrived at 1:25 p.m.

SB 492 (Mullis, 53rd) **State Purchasing; require state contract awards for heavy equipment follow certain specific procedures**

Chairman Mullis presented a committee substitute to the bill. The bill prevents the state/local government from requiring/prohibiting bidders for public works construction contracts from entering into labor agreements; and authorizes the award of contracts for state purchases of heavy equipment to one or more qualified bidders. Bruce Widener and Associates/heavy equipment industry representative (spoke on the heavy equipment purchases provision) and former Senator Rusty Paul (spoke on union contract provision).

Current law requires the state to accept the lowest bid for heavy equipment purchases – this bill allows dealers to offer a guaranteed minimum price. One county is “encouraging” up to 25 percent of its contracts for public works to be set aside for union contracts. There were two Committee Subs before the Committee – the one that was not put to a vote did not include the union contract language.

Senator Loudermilk moved that **SB 492 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Murphy seconded. The bill passed 8-2 with yea votes from Senators Gooch, Judson Hill, Bill Jackson, Loudermilk, Miller, Murphy, Tippins, and Tolleson; and nay votes from Senators Stoner and Seay.

SB 492 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 347 (Thompson, 5th) *Rules of the Road; moratorium on the future designation of high occupancy toll lanes*

Senators C. Thompson and Senator Unterman presented the bill for *hearing only*. The bill relates to specially designated travel lanes, and places a moratorium on the future designation of high occupancy toll lanes after July 1, 2012, unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly. Current law authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT), in cooperation with the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), to implement high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes where appropriate in qualifying HOV lanes. A “HOT lane” is a designated lane which allows single-occupancy vehicles to gain access to HOV lanes by paying a toll set by SRTA. This legislation prohibits DOT from designating additional HOT lanes on or after July 1, 2012, unless the General Assembly specifically authorizes the return of the HOT lane designation through legislation. One of their objections was that this was converted without prior going through the General Assembly. These HOT lanes are “stolen” lanes and therefore the taxpayers are paying for lanes twice with their taxes.

Gena Evans of SRTA cited SR 545 from 2003 and SB 489 from 2004 as the legislation that was passed authorizing the change. SRTA is in opposition to this bill. It is the 9th conversion project done in the United States and data suggests that it has been successful.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

February 29, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 29, 2012 in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Seay of the 34th, Tippins of the 37th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

SR 843 (Mullis, 53rd) ***Bert Ward Memorial Bridge; Catoosa County; dedicate***

Chairman Mullis presented a committee substitute to the resolution. The substitute includes numerous road and bridge dedications.

Senator Staton moved that **SR 843 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Miller seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

SR 843 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53rd, Chairman

/s /Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee

March 14, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 14, 2012 in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 33rd, Tippins of the 37th, and Tolleson of the 20th.

[HB 835](#) (Roberts, 154th) *Vehicles; 5 percent variance of weight limitations for towing disabled commercial vehicles; provide*

Representative Roberts presented the bill. The bill allows commercial wreckers to exceed weight/dimension limits with an emergency tow permit. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to issue a \$500 annual permit, with certain restrictions, to a commercial wrecker that exceeds maximum weight and dimension limits when the wrecker is conducting an emergency tow. Senator Goggans will be the Senate sponsor.

Senator Gooch moved that **HB 835 DO PASS** and Senator Staton seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

[HB 835 DO PASS](#)

NOTE: Senators Miller, S. Thompson, Tippins, & Tolleson arrived at 3:10 p.m.

[HB 817](#) (Nimmer, 178th) *Transportation, Department of; power to contract; amend limitations*

Representative Nimmer presented the bill. The bill increases the allotted percentage of design-build contracts from 30 to 50 percent of the total amount of construction projects awarded in the previous fiscal year. Stephanie Carter spoke in favor of the bill on behalf of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Senator Tolleson requested a list from GDOT of Georgia companies that are qualified bidders for design-build contracts. Senator Gooch will be the Senate sponsor.

Senator Gooch moved that **HB 817 DO PASS** and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 817 DO PASS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee

March 20, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 20, 2012 in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Staton of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Jackson of the 24th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, and Thompson of the 33rd.

[HB 865](#) (Powell, 29th) ***Georgia Motor Common and Contract Carrier Act of 2012; enact***

Representative Powell presented a committee substitute for the bill. The bill transfers the functions of regulating motor carriers and limousine carriers from the Georgia Public Service Commission to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Certificates of title to vehicles must be delivered electronically to a security interest holder (instead of regular mail). Senator Balfour will be the Senate sponsor.

Senator Bill Jackson moved that **HB 865 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Staton seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

[HB 865 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[HB 1051](#) (Jacobs, 80th) ***Public transit authorities; suspension of restrictions on use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes; repeal provisions***

Representative Jacobs presented a committee substitute for the bill. The bill repeals two provisions in current law (3-year suspension of restrictions on use of MARTA tax proceeds and MARTA Board structure) if a different bill is enacted this session which amends the MARTA Act to now include these provisions. Current law suspends restrictions on MARTA's use of tax proceeds imposed by the MARTA Act until June 1, 2013. This bill repeals this language, along with language providing for membership of the MARTA Board of Directors, if a different bill ([HB 1052](#)) is enacted at the 2012 regular legislative session which amends the MARTA Act by providing for the suspension of the tax proceeds restrictions and reconstitutes the MARTA Board of Directors. Senator Jeff Mullis will be the Senate sponsor.

Mike Vaquer spoke representing Fulton County. HB 1051 states that if the other bill (HB 1052) does not pass, the provisions in current law (suspension on tax proceeds, MARTA Board structure) will be repealed in 2013 – meaning MARTA would go back to the old Board structure and will no longer get relief from restrictions on tax proceeds. He would like the committee to repeal this part of the bill and let HB 1052 stand on its own merit.

Senator Staton moved that **HB 1051 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Loudermilk seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 1051 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 1052 (Jacobs, 80th) Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; reconstitute board of directors

Representative Jacobs presented the bill. The bill reconstitutes the Board of Directors of MARTA.; allows nonparticipating counties to join MARTA; requires MARTA to issue RFPs; and temporarily suspends current restrictions on MARTA's use of tax proceeds. It amends the actual MARTA Act with provisions in current law with slight revisions. Senator Jeff Mullis will be the Senate sponsor.

There were two committee substitutes before the Committee. One presented by Rep. Jacobs and the other presented by Chairman Mullis. The Committee voted on the one presented by Chairman Mullis which included the following: 1) Of the three appointees to the MARTA Board from Fulton County, the two appointees from the area north of Atlanta will be appointed by Fulton County from a pool of candidates with one candidate selected by each mayor of the cities of Fulton County. Rep. Jacobs' substitute had the two appointees from north of Atlanta appointed by the mayors themselves. (Senator S. Thompson stated that he would be addressing appointments with a floor amendment.) 2) Extends the suspension of the restriction on tax proceeds until 2016. Jacobs' bill only extended the suspension for one year (until 2014).

Mike Vaquer spoke representing Fulton County. He was against Rep. Jacobs' bill because of the MARTA appointments. Stated he was in favor of the Chairman's Committee Substitute as long as the mayors' selections are non-binding on Fulton County and would like permanent relief from the restriction on tax proceeds.

Senator Murphy moved that **HB 1052 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 1052 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee

March 22, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 22, 2012 outside the Senate chamber of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Gooch of the 51st, Jackson of the 24th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 33rd, and Tippins of the 37th.

[SR 1211](#) (Unterman, 45th) *Transportation, Dept. of; urge to seek alternative options to alleviate motor vehicle congestion throughout Metro Atlanta*

Chairman Mullis presented the resolution. The resolution urges DOT to seek out alternative options to alleviate traffic such as moveable barriers and reversible lanes.

Senator Seay moved that **SR 1211 DO PASS** and Senator S. Thompson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[SR 1211 DO PASS](#)

[SR 1213](#) (Miller, 49th) *Senate Complete Streets Study Committee; create*

Chairman Mullis presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Complete Streets Study Committee composed of seven members appointed by President of the Senate.

Senator Murphy moved that **SR 1213 DO PASS** and Senator S. Thompson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[SR 1213 DO PASS](#)

[HR 1177](#) (Williams, 113th) *Veterans Memorial Highway; Oglethorpe County; dedicate*

Chairman Mullis presented the resolution. The committee substitute to the resolution includes numerous bridge and road dedications. Senator Mullis will be the Senate sponsor.

Senator S. Thompson moved that **HR 1177 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Murphy seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[HR 1177 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee**

March 26, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 26, 2012 outside the Senate chamber of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Senate members present included Senators Gooch of the 51st, Jackson of the 24th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Murphy of the 27th, Seay of the 34th, and Tippins of the 37th.

[SR 1243](#) (Rogers, 21st) *Federal Government; urge to cease the collection of motor fuel taxes in Georgia*

Chairman Mullis presented the resolution. The resolution urges the federal government to stop collection of motor fuel taxes in GA.

Senator Bill Jackson moved that **SR 1243 DO PASS** and Senator Murphy seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[SR 1243 DO PASS](#)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Steve Gooch 51st, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

April 6, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Along with the minutes of the **Senate Transportation Committee**, I am returning the following Bills and Resolutions:

<u>SB 145</u>	<u>SR 26</u>	<u>SR 398</u>	<u>SR 1060</u>
<u>SB 146</u>	<u>SR 116</u>	<u>SR 431</u>	<u>SR 1071</u>
<u>SB 232</u>	<u>SR 165</u>	<u>SR 432</u>	<u>SR 1072</u>
<u>SB 283</u>	<u>SR 308</u>	<u>SR 433</u>	<u>SR 1083</u>
<u>SB 347</u>	<u>SR 311</u>	<u>SR 471</u>	<u>SR 1084</u>
<u>SB 463</u>	<u>SR 328</u>	<u>SR 474</u>	<u>SR 1214</u>
<u>SB 474</u>	<u>SR 380</u>	<u>SR 525</u>	<u>SR 1223</u>
<u>SB 486</u>	<u>SR 385</u>	<u>SR 667</u>	<u>HB 279</u>
<u>SB 490</u>	<u>SR 386</u>	<u>SR 945</u>	<u>HB 806</u>

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