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2013 RULES OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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

January 22, 2013

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 10:25 a.m. for the 2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, spoke before the Joint Appropriations Committees presenting them with a brief overview of his recommendations for the S.F.Y. 2013 Supplemental and S.F.Y. 2014 General Appropriations.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2013 Supplemental ([H.B. 105](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2014 General Appropriations ([H.B. 106](#)).

7. Dr. Kenneth Heaghney, State Fiscal Economist – Economic Outlook and Revenue Estimating
8. Susan Hart Ridley, Director – Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission
9. Dr. John Barge, State Superintendent – Department of Education
10. Hank Huckaby, Chancellor – University System of Georgia
11. Ron Jackson, Commissioner - Technical College System of Georgia
12. Bobby Cagle, Commissioner – Department of Early Care and Learning
13. Tim Connell, President – Student Finance Commission
14. Brian Kemp, Secretary of State - Office of Secretary of State

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 22, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2013 Amended and FY2014 General Budgets

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman -Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
Davenport	Thompson, C.
Fort	Thompson, S.
Gooch	Tippins
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Wilkinson
Jackson	Williams

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January 23, 2013

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:25 a.m. for the 2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2013 Supplemental ([H.B. 105](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2014 General Appropriations ([H.B. 106](#)).

15. Brian Owens, Commissioner – Department of Corrections
16. Avery Niles, Commissioner – Department of Juvenile Justice
17. Judge Robin W. Shearer – Council of Juvenile Court Judges
18. Col. Mark McDonough, Commissioner – Department of Public Safety
19. Chief Justice Carol Hunstein – Supreme Courts
20. MG James B. Butterworth, Adjutant General – Department of Defense
21. Keith Golden, Commissioner – Department of Transportation
22. Frank Berry, Commissioner – Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
23. Mark Williams, Commissioner – Department of Natural Resources
24. Jud Turner, Director – Environmental Protection Division
25. Curtis Foltz, Executive Director – Georgia Ports Authority
26. Gary Black, Commissioner – Department of Agriculture
27. Mark Butler, Commissioner – Department of Labor
28. Chris Cummiskey, Commissioner – Department of Economic Development

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 23, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2013 Amended and FY2014 General Budgets

Hill - Chairman	Miller
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January 24, 2013

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:25 a.m. for the 2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2013 Supplemental ([H.B. 105](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2014 General Appropriations ([H.B. 106](#)).

29. Clyde Reese, Commissioner – Department of Human Services
30. David Cook, Commissioner – Department of Community Health
31. Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, Commissioner – Department of Public Health
32. Doug MacGinnite, Commissioner – Department of Revenue
33. Teresa MacCartney, Director - Office of Planning and Budget
34. FY 2014 Federal Block Grant Hearings

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 24, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2013 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2013 Amended and FY2014 General Budgets

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman - Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
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February 19, 2013

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

Adoption of 2013 Senate Appropriations Committee Rules – A motion was made “**Do pass**” by Mullis of the 53rd, seconded by Unterman of the 45th, passed by unanimous vote.

H.B. 105 by Ralston of the 7th and others – Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

A BILL to amend an Act providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 775, approved May 7, 2012

Hill of the 4th presented the Senate Substitute to H.B. 105 to the Committee by providing an overview of the bill through a line by line identification and explanation of all differences between the House and Senate versions. He highlighted particular funding restorations of importance to the Committee.

In continuing comments, Chairman Hill thanked the Subcommittee Chairs for their outstanding leadership and sound decisions made in the development of the amended budget. He closed by noting the attendance of all Subcommittee Chairs present to assist with any questions from the Committee.

Following a few questions, a motion was made by Mullis of the 53rd that **H.B. 105**, “**Do pass by substitute**”, seconded by Murphy of the 27th. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: February 19, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
Adoption of Committee Rules
[H.B. 105](#) – Supplemental Appropriations

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman -Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
Davenport	Thompson, C.
Fort	Thompson, S.
Gooch	Tippins
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Wilkinson
Jackson	Williams

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February 21, 2013

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Thursday, February 21, 2013 in Room 450 State Capitol, convening at 9:30 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

The recommitment of **H.B. 105 by Ralston of the 7th and others** – Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

A BILL to amend an Act providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 775, approved May 7, 2012

This bill was recommitted due to an error made on the summary of the enactment clause that was printed on the Senate Substitute to H.B. 105 and was distributed to and passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee at the February 19, 2013 full committee meeting. The bill, having been corrected, was recommitted for consideration.

Chairman Hill presented the committee with the revised document and explained that it remained identical barring the correction of the technical error in the summary of the enactment clause. He asked members for their reconsideration of the bill.

There were no questions, and a motion was made by Gooch of the 51st that **H.B. 105, “Do pass by substitute”**, seconded by Unterman of the 45th. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: February 21, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
H.B. 105 – Supplemental Appropriations –
Recommitted due to summary enactment clause error

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman -Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
Davenport	Thompson, C.
Fort	Thompson, S.
Gooch	Tippins
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Wilkinson
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March 20, 2013

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 2:30 p.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

H.B. 454 – Martin of the 49th and others - Budget report; require certain items to be included in tax expenditure review

Expands the content of the tax expenditure review required to be submitted to the Office of Planning and Budgeting for inclusion in the budget report

This bill allows, not requires, the tax expenditure review prepared by the Department of Audits to also include a regularly produced annex to include analysis of specific tax expenditures.

The analysis must include, when possible: a description of the objective of the tax expenditure taken from the original legislation; relevant information in determining whether the tax expenditure is meeting its stated purpose; an analysis of the tax expenditure's effect on the administration of the tax system; and an analysis of the persons, corporations, or other entities that are directly benefited by the tax expenditure.

Martin of the 49th, author of the bill, presented it to the committee for consideration.

There were no questions. A motion was made by Jackson of the 24th, that **H.B. 454** “Do pass”, seconded by Carter of the 1st. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

H.B. 45 by Ehrhart of the 36th – Public property; writing off small amounts due to the state; change certain provisions

Extending the repeal date for allowing state agencies, the Board of Regents and the Technical College System of Georgia to write off certain debts that are deemed uncollectable from July 1st, 2013 to July 1st, 2016

Debts of \$100.00 or less, that have been unsuccessfully retrieved and deemed not in the public's financial interest to continue collection efforts, may be written off of the financial records of any such state agency. Additionally, debts of \$3,000.00 or less may be written off of the financial records of institutions of the Board of Regents or the Technical College System of Georgia.

Finally, this bill extends the repeal date for Code sections allowing the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia to have non-lapsing funds from tuition revenue of 3 percent and 15 percent, respectively. Current language repeals June 30th, 2013. This bill delays the repeal date to June 30th, 2016.

Staton of the 18th, presented the bill on behalf of its author, Ehrhart of the 36th, providing a detailed summary of the legislation to the Committee for consideration.

There were no questions. A motion was made by Balfour of the 9th that [H.B. 45](#), “Do pass”, seconded by Golden of the 8th. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

H.R. 73 by Hugley of the 136th and others – A Resolution compensating Mr. Lathan Rydell Word

This resolution authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay the claim against the State of Georgia in the sum of \$400,000 to Mr. Lathan Rydell Word. Payments will be made over a 20-year period, with an initial lump sum payment of \$100,000. The compensation will not be subject to state income taxes.

Mr. Word was awarded a new trial, at which time, the victim of the crime testified that he had not been truthful and that Mr. Word was not the man who robbed him. Mr. Word was exonerated of the conviction by the Georgia Court of Appeals based on ineffective counsel.

This compensation is awarded to Mr. Word following his exoneration from the Georgia Court of Appeals after his wrongful conviction, loss of liberty, lost wages and 11 years of incarceration and expenses in trying to prove his innocence.

Rep. Hugley of the 136th, author of the resolution, presented it to the Committee, stating that H.R. 73 was recommitted from the underlying resolution, H.R. 1160 from the previous year, not having passed on the final day of the 2012 Session.

She continued by outlining the sequential events of this wrongful conviction case as well as the state’s role in determining how much compensation should be awarded.

Upon the conclusion of her presentation, Chairman Hill instructed the Senate Compensation Resolution Study Committee, made up of Tate of the 38th, Chair, Crosby of the 13th and Wilkinson of the 50th, to present the Committee with its report findings and recommendations.

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Sen. Tate reported to the Committee that after the study committee's thorough review of the circumstances surrounding this case and hearing questions and comments from its members, that it is the unanimous conclusion of the Senate Compensation Study Committee to give a favorable report of **"Do pass" on HR 73** and agree to the language of the resolution as passed out of the House.

Following the conclusion of this report, a lengthy, fervent debate ensued concerning the jeopardy of overturning convictions previously determined through the process of the judicial system. Many questions followed and others expressed opinions and concerns. At this time, Seay of the 34th made a motion that **H.R. 73, "Do pass"**, seconded by Sims of the 12th. A substitute motion of **"Do not pass"** was offered in objection by Heath of the 31st, seconded by Cowsert of the 46th. The "Do not Pass" motion failed with only 6 votes in favor (Heath of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Tippins of the 37th, Balfour of the 9th, Hill of the 32nd.)

The Chair once again entertained a motion to vote upon Seay of the 34th's previous recommendation of **"Do pass"** seconded by Sims of the 12th. The resolution passed with 12 votes in favor of and 3 opposed, (Cowsert of the 46th, Balfour of the 9th, Gooch of the 51st.)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 20, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
[H.B. 45](#)
[H.B. 454](#)
[H.R. 73](#)

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman - Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
Davenport	Thompson, C.
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Gooch	Tippins
Heath	Tolleson
Hill, Judson	Wilkinson
Jackson	Williams

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March 21, 2013

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Thursday, March 21, 2013 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 8:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

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

H.B. 106 by Ralston of the 7th and others - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

A BILL to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

Hill of the 4th presented the Senate Substitute to H.B. 106 to the Committee, providing a brief overview of the budget bill by identifying and explaining all differences between the Governor's, and House and Senate recommendations.

The Chair continued by explaining that the S.F.Y. 2014 General Appropriations Bill totaled \$19.8 billion in state funds and contained a slight revenue growth for the year which filled funding shortfalls in several budget categories, including: Medicaid, State Retirement Plans, as well as the usual adjustment to growth in K-12 education.

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

Following a brief discussion and a few questions, a motion was made by Heath of the 31st that **H.B. 106, "Do pass by substitute"**, seconded by Carter of the 1st. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2013 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 21, 2013
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
H.B. 106 - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman -Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
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April 4, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Appropriations Committee during the 2013 Legislative Session:

[S.B. 42](#)
[S.R. 438](#)
[H.B. 127](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

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