

Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

2013-2014

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RULES

SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2013-2014

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d) regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation.
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be four (4) members.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full committee at such a time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. Any members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report, in writing, with the Secretary of the Senate when the committee report is read, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee in a meeting called by the Chairman.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d).

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in 310 CLOB on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Tyler Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th Secretary
Senator Nan Orrock, 36th
Senator Tommie Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senators Heath, 31st, and Jackson 2nd were absent.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the committee followed with introduction. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Harper, 7th, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

SB 81 (Senator Wilkinson of the 50th) Ginseng Harvesting Season; shorten the legal season for harvesting ginseng

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, presented the bill to the committee. Jon Ambrose with DNR spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion to “**DO PASS**”, and Senator Harper, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 87 (Senator Ginn, of the 47th) Roadside markets incentive program; repeal

Senator Ginn, 47th, presented the bill to the Committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion to “**DO PASS**”, Senator Orrock, 36th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 91 (Senator Harper, 7th) “Emerging Crops Fund Act”; repeal

Senator Harper, 7th, presented the bill to the Committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion to “**DO PASS**” Senator Orrock, 36th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor

February 7, 2013

Honorable Dean Burke
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Dear Senator Burke,

Below are your committee assignments for the upcoming session.

Committee:

- 1. Agriculture**
- 2. Education and Youth**
- 3. Health and Human Services**
- 4. Retirement**

Committee Role:

Vice Chairman

Congratulations on your committee assignments. We look forward to working with you and having a productive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
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President of the Senate

/s/ David Shafer
Senator David Shafer

President Pro-Tempore

/s/ Ronnie Chance
Senator Ronnie

Majority Leader

/s/ Renee Unterman
Senator Renee Unterman
District 45

/s/ Ross Tolleson
Senator Ross Tolleson
District 20

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in 310 CLOB on Monday, February 11, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th
Senator Williams, 19th
Senator Burke, 11th

Note: Senator Ginn, 47th was absent.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

SB 97 (Wilkinson, 50th) Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef; to provide membership

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, presented the bill to the committee. Jeffery Harvey with Farm Bureau spoke in favor of the bill. John White with the Georgia Cattlemen's Association spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion that **SB 97 "DO PASS"**. Senator Harper, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator John Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS met in 310 CLOB on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Burke, 11th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th
Senator Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senator Heath, 31st, was absent

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

HB 101 (Epps, 144th) Food Service Establishment Exemption and Permits

Representative Epps, 144th, presented the bill to the committee. Scott Uhlich with Georgia Department of Public Health spoke on the bill. Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion that **HB 101 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**, and Senator Harper, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in 310 CLOB on Wednesday, February 27, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Burke, 11th
Senator Heath, 31st
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senator Orrock, 36th, was absent.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

HB 234 (Smith, 70th) Notice of Automatic Renewal of Service Contracts

Representative Smith, 70th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 234 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**, and Senator Williams, 19th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

SB 209 (Wilkinson, 50th) Electronic Transactions Providing Certain Information and a Warning

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **SB 209 “DO PASS”**. Senator Jackson, 2nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in 310 CLOB on Wednesday, March, 13th, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Burke, 11th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senators Heath, 31st, and Orrock, 36th, were absent.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

HB 268 (Harden, 148th) Agricultural Product and Grain Dealers License and Bond Requirements

Representative Harden, 148th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 268 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Jackson, 2nd, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 298 (Dickey, 140th) Agricultural Commodity Commission for Georgia Grown Products

Representative Dickey, 140th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Harper, 7th, made a motion that **HB 298 “DO PASS”**. Senator Burke, 11th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

Dan Moody and Sam Zamarripa presented The Essential Economy Report to the Committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in the Mezz on Thursday, March 28th, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Burke, 11th
Senator Heath, 31st
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senator Williams, 19th, was absent.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, asked for a motion to re-appoint **Harry Thompson** to the **Equine Commodity Commission**. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion to appoint Harry Thompson, and Senator Orrock, 36th, seconded the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

**** There were no bills left in this committee at the end of the 2013 session. ****