

## 2013-2014 SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## **Senate Economic Development Committee Rules 2013 – 2014**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia 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 the order of the Chair.
5. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
6. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 CLOB on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>

**NOTES: Senator Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>, was absent**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. The Chairman introduced himself and members of the committee. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, made a motion to adopt and pass the Rules and Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Rick Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 CLOB on Monday, February 11, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>

**NOTES: Senators Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Chance, 16<sup>th</sup> and Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup> were absent.**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**SR 9 (James, 35<sup>th</sup>) Economic Development, Dept. of; urged to promote and strengthen ties with African nations**

Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, presented the Resolution to the committee. Ambassador Tunde Adetunji with Southern Polytechnic State University spoke in favor of the Resolution. Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, asked to have line 21 changed from 54 to 55 nations of Africa to locate in Georgia. Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, made a motion that **SR 9 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, seconded the motion. The Resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 9 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 CLOB on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>

**NOTES: Senators Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>, Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, James, 35<sup>th</sup>, Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup> and Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, were absent.**

**Senators Bethel, 54<sup>th</sup>, Burke, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wilkinson, 50<sup>th</sup>, were appointed for this meeting to serve as EX-OFFICIO members to the Committee.**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**SB 137 (Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>) Income tax; authorize the Commissioner of Economic Development to designate areas as opportunity zones**  
Senator Bethel, 54<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, made a motion that **SB 137 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

**SB 137 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

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Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

February 20, 2013

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

Dear Bob:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Charlie Bethel to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Economic Development Committee meeting on February 20, 2013. This appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
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Dear Bob:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Dean Burke to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Economic Development Committee meeting on February 20, 2013. This appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. Bob Ewing  
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Dear Bob:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator John Wilkinson to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Economic Development Committee meeting on February 20, 2013. This appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

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

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 CLOB on Monday, February 25, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>

**NOTES: Senators Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>, Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup> and Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**SB 177 (Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Tourism Foundation; change the membership**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee. Elmer Stancil and Kevin Langston with the Tourism Foundation spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, did not ask for a vote on SB 177. This was a hearing only.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Rick Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in MEZZ 1 on Friday, March 1, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>

**NOTES: Senators Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>, Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

**SB 177 (Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Tourism Foundation; change the membership**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 177 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

**SB 177 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Rick Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 CLOB on Monday, March 11, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Senator Gooch, 51<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Senator Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Senator Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Senator Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Senator Dugan, 30<sup>th</sup>  
Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>

**NOTES: Senators Albers, 56<sup>th</sup>, and Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Ginn, 47<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**HB 338 (Wilkinson, 52<sup>nd</sup>) Georgia Council for the Arts; clarify**

Representative Wilkinson, 52<sup>nd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee. Karen Paty with Georgia Council for the Arts spoke in favor of the bill. Bill Gignilliat with ArtsGeorgia, Inc. spoke against the bill. Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **HB 338 “DO PASS”**. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

**HB 338 DO PASS**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Rick Jeffares, 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

***\*\*There were no bills left in this committee. \*\****