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2013 Legislative Session

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RULES

Senate Government Oversight Committee

2013 Legislative Session

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which cases or investigations shall be heard and the order in which said hearings are to commence.
3. The Committee will not hear a bill unless the Chairman receives a written request for a hearing from the author of the bill.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer cases or investigations to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such cases to the full Committee.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put forward questions and adjourn upon order of the Chairman, subject to the Rules of the Senate.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
7. If a committee member moves on a House bill without a Senate sponsor, that committee member becomes the sponsor of the bill.
8. After adoption, these rules may be amended upon motion duly made, seconded, and subsequently approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee.
9. The Secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these rules to all members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes
Senate Government Oversight Committee
Thursday, February 28th, 2013
Senate Mezzanine 1

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator Bill Heath, 31st, Chairman
Senator Mike Dugan, 30th, Vice Chairman
Senator Charlie Bethel, 54th, Secretary

Senator Brandon Beach, 21st
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Valencia Seay, 34th (arrived at 12:13 p.m.)
Senator John Wilkinson, 50th

This was the first meeting of the Senate Government Oversight Committee of the 2013 Legislative Session. Chairman Heath introduced himself and welcomed committee members, staff, and guests. Chairman Heath asked Wilkinson of the 50th to open the meeting with prayer.

The meeting began with discussion and adoption of committee rules for the 2013 Legislative Session. Motion “do pass” was made by Bethel of the 54th, seconded by Dugan of the 30th. **The motion passed unanimously.**

SB 181 (Bethel, 54th - Georgia History Month; declare September of each year Presented by Bethel of the 54th. Bethel of the 54th explained that currently, February is designated as Georgia History Month, which coincides with American History Month. This bill would change Georgia History Month to the month of September to coincide with other celebrations of Georgia History.

Motion “do pass” was made by Henson of the 41st, seconded by Wilkinson of the 50th. **The motion passed unanimously (LC 21 2111).**

SB 181 DO PASS

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Charlie Bethel, 54th
Secretary, Senate Government Oversight Committee

/s/ Allison Hughes
Recording Secretary

April 15, 2013

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I am returning the following bills assigned to the Senate Government Oversight Committee for the 2013 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

No action was taken on the following legislation:

[S.R. 139](#)

[S.B. 78](#)

[S.B. 80](#)

[S.B. 149](#)

[H.B. 203](#)

[H.B. 297](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

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