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Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor

February 27, 2013

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

Dear Bob:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Renee Unterman to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

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

CC/cbe

cc:
Senate Committee on Assignments, members

RULES

Senate Finance Committee

2013-2014 Legislative Term

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) 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 subcommittee 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, put all questions and adjourn upon 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 if they so desire.
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 the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event 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.
8. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.
9. Unless approved by the Chairman, all amendments or substitute bills must be submitted to chairman at least 24 hours before adoption by the committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 18, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman

Hill, 6th, Secretary

Chance, 16th

Shafer, 48th

Thompson, 33rd

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

[HB 80 \(Rice, 95th\) - Ad valorem tax; state and local title fees; revise provisions](#)

HEARING ONLY.

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Albers, 56th
Balfour, 9th

Chance, 16th
Davis, 22nd
Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

[SB 72 \(Stone, 23rd\) - Taxation; rate of interest to be paid for refunds on past due taxes; provisions](#)

Senator Stone, 23rd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Albers, 56th, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9/0. [SB 72 DO PASS](#).

[SR 72 \(Hill, 32nd\) - Senate State FairTax Study Committee; create](#)

Chairman Hill, 32nd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Albers, 56th, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9/0. [SR 72 DO PASS](#).

[HB 80 \(Rice, 95th\) – Ad valorem tax; state and local title fees; revise provisions](#)

HEARING ONLY.

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 21, 2013 – Senate Mezzanine

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Albers, 56th
Balfour, 9th

Davis, 22nd
Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Thompson, 33rd

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

[SB 99 \(Hill, 32nd\) - Taxation/Revenue; allow such taxes to be imposed at a rate of less than 1 percent](#)

Chairman Hill, 32nd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was lengthy discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Heath, 31st, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6/0. Senators Balfour, 9th and Hill 4th, were not present for the vote. **SB 99 DO PASS.**

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 27, 2013 – Senate Mezzanine

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Albers, 56th
Balfour, 9th

Chance, 16th
Davis, 22nd
Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Thompson, 33rd
Unterman, 45th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Hill, 32nd, announced that Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle to the Senate Finance Committee.

[SB 145 \(Heath, 31st\) - Agritourism; add farm weddings to the definition](#)

Senator Heath, 31st, presented the substitute bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Albers, 56th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Heath, 31st, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11/0. Senator Unterman, 45th, was not present for the vote. [SB 145 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.](#)

[HB 266 \(Peake, 141st\) - Internal Revenue Code; certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; incorporate](#)

Representative Peake, 141st and Representative Rice, 95th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was a lot of discussion. A substitute was presented and Senator Shafer, 48th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Hill, 6th, seconded the motion. The motion passed 9/2. Senator Albers, 56th; and Senator Heath, 31st, voted no. Senator Jones, 10th, will carry the bill in the Senate. [HB 266 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.](#)

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, Chairman, 32nd
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Albers, 56th
Balfour, 9th
Davis, 22nd

Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Thompson, 33rd
Unterman, 45th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

[HB 164 \(Atwood, 179th\) - Sales and use tax; exemption regarding sale or use of engines, parts, equipment or other property used in maintenance of certain aircraft; eliminate sunset](#)

Representative Atwood, 179th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Golden, 8th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0. Senator Davis, 22nd; Senator Unterman, 45th; and Senator Shafer, 48th, were not present for the vote. Senator Golden, 8th, will carry in the Senate. **[HB 164 DO PASS.](#)**

[HB 210 \(Nimmer, 178th\) - Gasoline and aviation fuel; temporary suspension of the collection of taxes; provide legislative findings](#)

Representative Nimmer, 178th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The motion passed 8/0. Senator Davis, 22nd and Senator Shafer, 48th, were not present for the vote. Senator Jeffares, 17th, will carry in the Senate. **[HB 210 DO PASS.](#)**

[HB 359 \(Nimmer, 178th\) - Unclaimed property; commissioner of revenue to deposit certain funds in state treasury; require](#)

Representative Nimmer, 178th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was a lot of discussion.

Senator Balfour, 9th, made a motion to table HB 359 for further study. Senator Albers, 56th, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous 8/0. [HB 359](#) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**.

[HB 371 \(Harbin, 122nd\) - Motor fuel tax; define liquefied natural gas](#)

Representative Harbin, 122nd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Balfour, 9th, made a motion to waive the fiscal note requirement. Senator Hill, 6th, seconded the motion. The motion passed 8/0.

There was more discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8/0. Senator Davis 22nd, and Senator Shafer, 48th, were not present for the vote. Senator Hill, 6th, will carry in the Senate. [HB 371](#) **DO PASS**.

There being no further business taken, Senator Hill, 32nd adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 14, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Balfour, 9th
Davis, 22nd

Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Thompson, 33rd
Unterman, 45th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

HB 211 (Benton, 31st) - Motor fuel excise tax; public school systems under certain circumstances; exempt

Representative Benton, 31st, presented the bill to the committee.

Senator Balfour, 9th, made a motion to waive the rule of fiscal note. Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0.

There was some discussion.

Senator Davis, 22nd, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded the motion. The vote was 8/1. Senator Hill, 6th, voted no. Senator Davis, 22nd, will carry the bill in the Senate. **HB 211 DO PASS.**

HB 318 (Stephens, 164th) - Georgia Tourism Development Act; revise certain definitions; provisions

Representative Benton, 31st, presented the substitute bill to the committee on the author's behalf.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion to table the bill. Senator Hill, 6th, seconded the motion. The motion failed 3/4. Senator Golden, 8th, Balfour, 9th, Davis, 22nd, Hill, 4th, voted no.

There was lengthy discussion.

Senator Unterman, 45th, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Hill, 4th, seconded the motion. The vote was 4/2. Senator Balfour, 9th, and Senator Heath, 31st, voted no. Senator Hill, 6th; Senator Davis, 22nd, and Senator Shafer, 48th, were not present for the vote. Senator Bethel, 54th, will carry in the Senate. **HB 318 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary
Albers, 56th
Balfour, 9th

Davis, 22nd
Heath, 31st
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Unterman, 45th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

[HB 359 \(Nimmer, 178th\) - Unclaimed property; commissioner of revenue to deposit certain funds in state treasury; require](#)

Representative Nimmer, 178th, and Senator Bethel, 54th, presented the substitute bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Golden, 8th, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded the motion. The vote was 6/2. Senator Albers, 56th and Senator Balfour, 9th, voted no. Senator Shafer, 48th, was not present for the vote. Senator Bethel, 54th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **[HB 359](#) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

[HB 34 \(Parsons, 44th\) - Income tax credit; clean energy property; include certain commercial geothermal heat pumps](#)

Representative Parsons, 44th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion and the Chairman decided to hold this bill in committee for further study. **[HB 34](#) HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

[HB 193 \(Stephens, 164th\) - Sales and use tax; tangible personal property to certain nonprofit health centers; provide exemption only for a limited period of time](#)

Representative Stephens, 164th, presented the bill to the committee.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion to add an amendment. Senator Balfour, 9th seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was some discussion.

Senator Bethel, 54th, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Shafer, 48th, seconded the motion. The vote was 7/2. Senator Balfour, 9th, and Senator Hill, 4th, voted no. Senator Golden, 8th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **[HB 193](#) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

[HB 197](#) (Powell, 171st) - Ad valorem tax; land subject to a forest land conservation use covenant; provide taxation

Representative Powell, 171st, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion and Senator Balfour, 9th, made a motion to amend the bill. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was more discussion.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Balfour, 9th, seconded the motion. The vote was 7/2. Senator Hill, 6th, and Senator Albers, 56th, voted no. Senator Golden, 8th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **[HB 197](#) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

[HB 304](#) (McCall, 33rd) - Freeport exemption; applicability to fertilizer production processes; clarify

Representative McCall, 33rd, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5/0. Senator Hill, 6th, and Senator Albers, 59th, voted no. Senator Balfour, 9th, and Senator Shafer, 48th, were not present for the vote. Senator Wilkinson, 50th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **[HB 304](#) DO PASS.**

[HB 399](#) (Knight, 130th) -Ad valorem tax; types of interests in real property may be subject to taxation; clarify

Representative Knight, 130th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Hill, 6th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Albers, 56th; Senator Hill, 4th; and Senator Unterman, 45th, were not present for the vote. Senator Staton, 18th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **[HB 399](#) DO PASS.**

There being no further action taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 21, 2013 – 450 State Capitol

SENATORS PRESENT:

Hill, 32nd, Chairman
Golden, 8th, Vice Chairman
Hill, 6th, Secretary

Balfour, 9th
Hill, 4th, Ex-Officio
Shafer, 48th
Unterman, 45th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Hill, 32nd, called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

HB 34 (Parsons, 44th) - Income tax credit; clean energy property; include certain commercial geothermal heat pumps

Representative Parsons, 44th, presented the bill to the committee.

There was some discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Shafer, 48th, seconded the motion. The vote was 5/1. Senator Balfour, 9th, voted no. Senator McKoon, 29th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **HB 34 DO PASS.**

HB 250 (Rice, 95th) - Local excise tax; sale or use of energy; revise certain provisions

Senator Hill, 6th, presented the bill to the committee on behalf of the author, Representative Rice, 95th.

There was some discussion.

Senator Shafer, 48th, made a motion DO PASS. Senator Golden, 8th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Hill, 6th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **HB 250 DO PASS.**

HB 463 (Rice, 95th) - Motor vehicle licenses; registration rates under International Registration Plan for apportioned vehicles; change

Senator Hill, 6th, presented the bill to the committee on behalf of the author, Representative Rice, 95th.

There was some discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion to amend the bill. Senator Balfour, 9th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was more discussion.

Senator Hill, 6th, made a motion DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Balfour, 9th, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Hill, 6th, will carry the bill in the Senate. **HB 463 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Hill, 32nd, adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary

April 30, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Senate Finance Committee respectfully submits the following Senate and House Bills left in committee during the 2013 General Assembly.

Senate Bills

[SB 39](#) [SB 67](#)
[SB 40](#) [SB 157](#)
[SB 41](#) [SB 190](#)

Senate Resolutions

[SR 8](#) [SR 412](#)
[SR 277](#) [SR 415](#)

House Bills

[HB 80](#)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Judy LaClair, Recording Secretary