

## **SENATE RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **2013 SESSION**

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## **Rules of the Senate Rules Committee to set the Rules Calendar**

**2013-2014**

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are eligible to be considered and the order in which said measures are placed upon the Calendar for Senate consideration.
4. A bill or resolution will be considered by the Rules Committee as a committee only after at least one presentation to the Committee by one of its principle authors or designee.
5. The Chairman shall have the right to refer bills or resolutions to subcommittee for study and recommendations.
6. The Chairman, in his discretion, may allow individual members of the Committee to place a bill or resolution upon the Calendar so long as the measure is chosen from those determined to be eligible for consideration by the Chairman.
7. If an eligible bill or resolution is objected to by any member of the Committee, the Committee, upon majority vote, may nevertheless place the same upon the calendar.
8. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

# 2013

## **Senate Rules Audit Subcommittee**

Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup> - Chairman

Senator Ross Tolleson 20<sup>th</sup>

Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>

Senator Horacena Tate 38<sup>th</sup>

## **Senate Rules Ethics Subcommittee**

Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup> - Chairman

Senator Gloria Butler 55<sup>th</sup>

Senator Steve Gooch 51<sup>st</sup>

Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>

Senator Fran Millar 40<sup>th</sup>

Senator Jack Murphy 27<sup>th</sup>

Senator Cecil Staton 18<sup>th</sup>

## **Senate Rules General Subcommittee**

Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup> – Chairman

Senator Steve Gooch 51<sup>st</sup>

Senator Fran Millar 40<sup>th</sup>

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 5, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 5, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mullis presented the Rules of the Senate Rules Committee for 2013. Senator Staton moved that the committee rules be adopted, and with a second from Senator Butler, the rules were adopted.

The following Subcommittees were announced by Chairman Mullis. The Audit Subcommittee will meet once every two months to review all Senate expenses and per diems. The Ethics Subcommittee will meet to review HB 142 and 143, and the General Subcommittee will review all other bills assigned to the Senate Rules Committee before they come before the full committee for a vote.

**Audit**

Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chair  
Ross Tolleson 20<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>  
Horacena Tate 38<sup>th</sup>

**Ethics**

Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chair  
Gloria Butler 55<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Gooch 51<sup>st</sup>  
Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fran Millar 40<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Murphy 27<sup>th</sup>  
Cecil Staton 18<sup>th</sup>

**General**

Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Steve Gooch 51<sup>st</sup>  
Fran Millar 40<sup>th</sup>

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

**[SB 14](#)**

Senator Shafer made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Staton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 8, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 8, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 65](#)      [SB 66](#)

Senator Shafer made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tolleson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 11, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 11, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 55](#)

Senator Henson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Judson Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 12, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 12, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

**[SB 91](#)**

Senator Gooch made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tolleson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 13, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 13, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 87](#)

[SB 97](#)

Senator Murphy made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Millar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 14, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 14, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 81](#)      [SB 117](#)

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Unterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 19, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 19, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 11](#)      [SB 69](#)      [SB 86](#)

Senator Staton made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tolleson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 20, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 20, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 12](#)      [SB 104](#)      [SR 113](#)      [SR 201](#)

Senator Gooch made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

February 21, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 21, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mullis called the full committee to order to hear the following resolutions.

**[SR 228](#)** (Shafer, 48<sup>th</sup>) ***Health Insurance; requesting the repeal of the \$100 billion federal sales tax imposed by Affordable Care Act***

Senator Shafer presented the resolution. The resolution requests the repeal of the \$100 billion federal sales tax on health insurance imposed by the Affordable Care Act.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 228 DO PASS** and Senator Miller seconded. The bill passed 8-3, with yea votes from Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Chance, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Miller, Murphy, Shafer, and Staton, and nay votes from Henson, Tate, and Butler.

**[SR 228 DO PASS](#)**

**NOTE:** Senator Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> arrived at 12:12 p.m.

**[SR 245](#)** (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) ***U.S. Congress; request to adopt a resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment***

Senator Hill presented the resolution. The resolution requests that the United States Congress adopt a resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and to submit the same to the states for ratification; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 245 DO PASS** and Senator Murphy seconded. The bill passed 9-3, with yea votes from Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Chance, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Miller, Murphy, Shafer, and Staton, and nay votes from Henson, Tate, and Butler.

**[SR 245 DO PASS](#)**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 83](#)

[SB 100](#)

[SR 9](#)

[HB 105](#)

Senator Gooch made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Staton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

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**February 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 22, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mullis stated he is recommitting [SB 122](#) to the Public Safety committee for further consideration.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 61](#)  
[HB 57](#)

[SB 70](#)

[SB 72](#)

[SB 82](#)

[SB 120](#)

[SB 125](#)

Senator Unterman made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Gooch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 25, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 25, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 68](#)

[SB 103](#)

[SB 105](#)

[SB 135](#)

[SB 143](#)

Senator Miller made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

February 26, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 26, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

### [SR 348](#) (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) *Georgia Program Integrity Joint Study Committee; create*

Senator Judson Hill presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Georgia Program Integrity Joint Study Committee. The committee will study and make recommendations on ways to better address fraud in government programs by: studying current capabilities, needs, and limitations in government detection of fraud; studying efforts by other states to address fraud across multiple government programs; studying efforts by other states to implement enterprise approaches to reduce waste, fraud, abuse, and improper payments; studying the limitations in state law that may prevent the sharing of information between agencies that would present a barrier to fraud detection; and recommending the best manner in which the State of Georgia can address such issues.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 348 DO PASS** and Senator Tolleson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

[SR 348 DO PASS](#)

**NOTE: Senators Butler, Miller, & Tate arrived at 1:19 p.m.**

Chairman Mullis recommitted [SR 73](#) and [SR 96](#) to the Senate Transportation Committee.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 115](#)

[SB 134](#)

[SB 137](#)

[SB 139](#)

Senator Gooch made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Unterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 27, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 27, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 10](#)

[SB 128](#)

[SB 140](#)

[SB 142](#)

Senator Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup> made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**February 28, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on February 28, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 122](#)      [SB 136](#)      [HB 266](#)

Senator Unterman made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Chance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

March 1, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 1, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

**[SR 371](#)** (Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>) ***U.S. Congress; making renewed application to call for a convention for purpose of proposing an amendment to U.S. Constitution***

Senator Cowsert presented the resolution. The resolution renews application to the Congress of the United States to call for a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and for other purposes.

Senator Tolleson moved that **SR 371 DO PASS** and Senator Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> seconded. The resolution passed 10-3 with yea votes from Senators Tolleson, Chance, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar, Miller, Murphy, Staton, and Unterman. Nay votes from Senators Henson, Tate, and Butler.

**[SR 371 DO PASS](#)**

**NOTE: Sen. Chance left at 1:10 p.m.**

**[SB 206](#)** (Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>) ***Interstate Cooperation; provide for delegation from the State of Georgia to certain conventions***

Senator Cowsert presented the bill. This bill relates to interstate cooperation, so as to provide for delegations from the State of Georgia to certain conventions called by the Congress of the United States for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V of said Constitution; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Gooch moved that **SB 206 DO PASS** and Senator Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> seconded. The resolution passed 9-3 with yea votes from Senators Tolleson, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar, Miller, Murphy, Staton, and Unterman. Nay votes from Senators Henson, Tate, and Butler.

**[SB 206 DO PASS](#)**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[SB 76](#)      [SB 96](#)      [SB 101](#)      [SB 156](#)      [SB 160](#)      [SB 168](#)  
[SB 179](#)      [SB 193](#)      [SB 194](#)      [SB 195](#)      [SB 209](#)      [SB 218](#)

Senator Murphy made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 4, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 4, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>SB 1</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 99</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 116</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 145</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 155</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 163</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 178</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 181</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 185</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 204</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 207</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 212</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 216</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 224</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 378</u></a>			

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Staton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 5, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 5, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>SB 13</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 23</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 62</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 85</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 92</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 94</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 113</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 121</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 158</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 165</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 170</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 172</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 177</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 187</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 189</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 206</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 210</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 213</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 225</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 226</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 228</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 231</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 234</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 236</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 241</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 242</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SB 243</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 293</u></a>		

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Consent Calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>SR 245</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 267</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 348</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 371</u></a>
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Senator Shafer made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Unterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 7, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 7, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 101](#)      [HB 198](#)      [HB 202](#)

Senator Henson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tolleson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 11, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 11, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 154](#)

[HB 254](#)

[HB 414](#)

[HR 281](#)

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 12, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 12, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 234](#)      [HB 255](#)

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 13, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 13, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

**[SR 247](#) (McKoon, 29<sup>th</sup>) *Senate Expungement Reform Study Committee; create***

Senator McKoon presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Expungement Reform Study Committee. Recognizing that being wrongfully accused or convicted of a crime is a life-changing event, and that the process of clearing an individual's record when he or she has been wrongfully accused or convicted is very tedious and expensive; this Committee is created to study the process of expungement.

Senator Tolleson moved that **SR 247 DO PASS** and Senator Unterman seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[SR 247 DO PASS](#)**

**[SR 340](#) (Unterman, 45<sup>th</sup>) *Senate Study Committee on Independent Physician Practices in Georgia; create***

Senator Unterman presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Independent Physician Practices in Georgia. In Georgia and nationwide, independent physician practices are shrinking. In a recent survey, it was determined that by 2014, two-thirds of the nation's doctors will likely be employed by hospitals.

Senator Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup> moved that **SR 340 DO PASS** and Senator Tate seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[SR 340 DO PASS](#)**

**SR 345** (McKoon, 29<sup>th</sup>) **Senate Select Alternative Funding for Medicaid and Other Health Care Federal Funding Committee; create**

Senator McKoon presented a Substitute for the resolution [LC 28 6747S]. The resolution creates the Senate Select Alternative Funding for Medicaid and Other Health Care Federal Funding Committee. Recognizing that dependence on federal health care funding can adversely affect the state budget, if the source of federal health care funding is lessened or eliminated, and identifying the areas and amounts of federal health care funds used to assist in balancing the budget of the State of Georgia is essential before a plan to offset the effects of a decrease or elimination of federal health care funding occurs.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 345 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Tate seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 345 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**HR 502** (Tanner, 9<sup>th</sup>) **Joint Study Committee on Mental Health and School Violence; create**

Representative Tanner presented a Substitute for the resolution [LC 28 6744S]. The resolution creates the Joint Study Committee on Mental Health Access. Recognizing that during recent months, the citizens of this state have been saddened by tragedies that have taken the lives of many innocent people; and many of these acts of violence have occurred in schools and communities and cause increased concern for the safety of our children. Many of these tragedies were committed by individuals who may have had mental illnesses. A study of the efforts in treating mentally ill individuals in this state needs to be undertaken with a focus on examining community infrastructure, crisis services, provision of services across the life span from youth to older adults, geographic gaps and diversity, workforce needs, provider network development and accountability, funding and the need to keep dollars within the system as we transition away from hospital based delivery models of treatment, and support services.

Senator Gooch moved that **HR 502 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Tolleson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**HR 502 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

[HB 124](#)      [HB 487](#)

Senator Henson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Tolleson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

March 14, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 14, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SR 331 (Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>) *Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies; urged not to contract with persons/businesses engaged in investment activities in Iran***

Senator Davis presented a Substitute to the resolution [LC 35 3005S]. The resolution urges federal, state, and local government agencies not to contract with persons or businesses that are engaged in investment activities in Iran.

Senator Henson moved that **SR 331 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Butler seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 331 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SR 427 (Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>) *Brewpubs and Alcoholic Beverage Tastings; create Senate Study Committee***

Senator Murphy presented the resolution. Recognizing that the manufacture, sale, and possession of alcohol in Georgia is subject to a myriad of complex laws and regulations, the resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Brewpubs and Alcoholic Beverage Tastings. Proposals have been made in the past to permit certain licenses to conduct tastings of alcoholic beverages.

Senator Chance moved that **SR 427 DO PASS** and Senator Henson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 427 DO PASS**

**SR 499 (Lucas, 26<sup>th</sup>) *Senate Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Veterans Study Committee; create***

Senator Henson presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Veterans Study Committee. Recognizing that it would be a nice gesture to offer Georgia veterans free hunting and fishing licenses, the resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Veterans.

Senator Chance moved that **SR 499 DO PASS** and Senator Murphy seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[SR 499 DO PASS](#)**

**[SR 510](#)** (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) ***Senate Automobile Insurance Verification and Enforcement Study Committee; create***

Senator Hill presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Automobile Insurance Verification and Enforcement Study Committee. Recognizing that numerous citizens each year are involved in accidents with uninsured motorists, and that other states have taken steps through privatizing the function of enforcing insurance requirements, Georgia needs to examine the possibility of doing the same.

Senator Bill Jackson moved that **SR 510 DO PASS** and Senator Miller seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[SR 510 DO PASS](#)**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

**[HB 103](#)**

**[HB 164](#)**

**[HB 256](#)**

**[HB 350](#)**

**[HB 371](#)**

Senator Murphy made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

March 19, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 19, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Other Senators in attendance of the hearing were Davis of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dugan of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Ginn of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Hufstetler of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, McKoon of the 29<sup>th</sup>, and Stone of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairman Mullis welcomed everyone to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have a Public Hearing for HB 142. There will be no vote taken today, but everyone is welcome to speak about the bill.

### **HB 142 (Ralston, 7<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; change certain provisions**

Representative Golick presented the bill. The bill makes several changes to the Ethics in Government Act, including a ban on most expenditures by lobbyists and an expansion of the definition of a lobbyist.

**Expenditures by Lobbyists:** Current law places no limitations on lobbyist spending on members of the General Assembly. Under this bill, no person required to register as a lobbyist may make any expenditure, as defined by law, on public officers; likewise, no public officer may knowingly accept any expenditures from a registered lobbyist. The definition of “expenditure” under this bill includes any gratuitous transfer or anything of value without equal or greater consideration, including tickets to athletic, sporting, recreational, musical, or other entertainment events.

The definition of expenditure does NOT include:

- Promotional items generally distributed to the general public or to public officers and food and beverages produced in Georgia;
- An award, plaque or similar item;
- Legitimate salary and other expenses associated with the recipients business or trade;
- Food, beverages, and registration at group events to which all members of an agency, the House of Representatives, Senate, legislative standing committee or subcommittee, caucus of members of the majority or minority parties of the House or Senate, local delegations, other caucuses of the House and Senate approved by the Ethics committees of the House

and Senate, and the governing body of each political subdivision of this state are invited;

- Campaign contributions;
- Payment of a public officer's reasonable and actual travel expenses for attending meetings directly related to the official duties of that public officer;
- Admission to collegiate athletic events featuring a team from the University System of Georgia, or private college accredited by the state, if such admission is offered to all members.

**Definition of Lobbyist:** This bill also expands the definition of lobbyist to include any person advocating a position to a public officer while at a public facility for the purpose of influencing the decision making of a public officer, regardless of whether or not they are compensated, or makes a lobbyist expenditure of any amount. Such person must register as a lobbyist. Exceptions to the registration requirements include persons attempting to influence the decision making of a public officer for no compensation, if that person lives in the officer's district; employees or independent contractors of vendors who are merely participating in a bid proposal; and any person providing information to a governmental entity at that entity's request.

**Registration as a Lobbyist:** The annual lobbyist registration and renewal fee is reduced from \$300.00 to \$25.00. Penalty fees for late filed reports are not changed.

Any person acting pro bono, and who has not made any lobbying expenditures, may file an affidavit with the commission stating that during the preceding 12 months, he or she has not received compensation, has not made any lobbying expenditure, and does not have a present intent to do so.

**Disclosure reports:** Persons required to register as a lobbyist, and who engage in lobbying activities, must file a monthly disclosure report. However, an employee of a branch, department, commission, agency, or authority of the state, and persons acting pro bono who have filed an affidavit with the commission, are not subject to the reporting requirements

**Complaints against Members of the General Assembly:** This bill also requires that any complaint filed with the appropriate chamber alleging improper conduct involving a member of the General Assembly, must include a statement as to whether or not in filing the complaint, the complainant is acting as an agent for another person.

The following people spoke in opposition to the bill:

- Jack Smith – Chairman, North Georgia Tea Party Alliance
- U. D. Roberts – Self, Columbus, GA
- Jerry Luquire – GA Christian Coalition
- Debbie Dooley – Atlanta Tea Party
- Jack Staver – Northwest GA 9/12 Project

- Kay Goodwin – Capitol Coalition
- Ray Boyd – Self
- Rob Adkerson – Capitol Coalition of Conservatives
- Tom Tortorici – Self
- Ryan Splitlog – Common Cause Georgia
- John Sinton – Common Cause Georgia
- William Perry – Common Cause Georgia
- Kelli Persons – League of Women Voters
- Terry Taylor – Common Cause Georgia
- Mike Griffin – GA Right to Life

The following people spoke in support of the bill:

- Mark Woodall – Georgia Chair, Sierra Club
- Marci Rubehanson – GMA
- Holly LeBarge – Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Commission

Some suggestions received from the public are:

- Exempt local government officials.
- Across the board \$100 cap.
- \$750 limit on travel.
- Entity's that have no employees, grassroots groups be exempt.
- Should be effective as soon as the Governor signs the bill.
- Include travel limits on family and staff.
- List available to the public of persons who sign affidavits stating they are not paid as a lobbyist.
- Expand purpose of meetings on reports.
- Copy of lobbyist reimbursements should be available to the public.
- Require reporting of state employees – i.e. Board of Regents

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## **Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee**

**March 20, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 20, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mullis announced that he would be recommitting HB 517 to the Senate Regulated Industries Committee.

**[SR 203](#)** (Shafer, 48<sup>th</sup>) ***Dick Pettys Senate Press Conference Room; designate***

Senator Shafer presented the resolution. The resolution honors the memory of Mr. Dick Pettys, expressing regret at his passing, and designating the Senate Press Conference Room in Suite 203 of the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building in his honor.

Senator Henson moved that **SR 203 DO PASS** and Senator Unterman seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[SR 203 DO PASS](#)**

**NOTE:** Senator Tate arrived at 12:58 p.m.

**[HR 107](#)** (Sheldon, 104<sup>th</sup>) ***Joint Study Committee on Medicaid Reform; create***

Representative Sheldon presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Joint Study Committee on Medicaid Reform.

Senator Unterman moved that **HR 107 DO PASS** and Senator Tolleson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[HR 107 DO PASS](#)**

**[SR 423](#)** (McKoon, 29<sup>th</sup>) ***Georgia's Congressional Delegation, Congress, and President Obama; request immediately resolve the national debt crisis***

Senator McKoon presented the resolution. The resolution requests that Georgia's Congressional delegation, Congress as a whole, and President Obama immediately resolve our national debt crisis with a bipartisan, balanced, comprehensive, long-term solution.

Senator Millar moved that **SR 423 DO PASS** and Senator Gooch seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 423 DO PASS**

**SR 71** (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) **Congress; urged to enact the FairTax**

Senator Hill presented the resolution. The resolution urges Congress to enact the FairTax and expressing the State of Georgia's commitment to ratify the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment and to conform the existing state tax code accordingly.

Senator Henson moved that **SR 71 BE TABLED**, and Senator Tate seconded. The motion failed.

Senator Unterman moved that **SR 71 DO PASS** and Senator Gooch seconded. The resolution passed with yea votes from Senators Tolleson, Jackson, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar, Miller, Shafer, Staton, and Unterman. There were three nay votes from Senators Butler, Henson, and Tate.

**SR 71 DO PASS**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<b><u>HB 68</u></b>	<b><u>HB 94</u></b>	<b><u>HB 126</u></b>	<b><u>HB 141</u></b>	<b><u>HB 146</u></b>	<b><u>HB155</u></b>
<b><u>HB 178</u></b>	<b><u>HB 235</u></b>	<b><u>HB 242</u></b>	<b><u>HB 268</u></b>	<b><u>HB 287</u></b>	<b><u>HB317</u></b>
<b><u>HB345</u></b>	<b><u>HB 349</u></b>	<b><u>HB 473</u></b>	<b><u>HR 205</u></b>		

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Gooch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

March 21, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 21, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Vice Chairman Tolleson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

### **HB 142 (Ralston, 7<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; change certain provisions**

Senator Mullis presented a Substitute to the bill [LC 25 6226S]. The bill makes several changes to the Ethics in Government Act, including a ban on most expenditures by lobbyists and an expansion of the definition of a lobbyist.

**Expenditures by Lobbyists:** Current law places no limitations on lobbyist spending on members of the General Assembly. Under this bill, no person required to register as a lobbyist may make any expenditure, as defined by law, on public officers; likewise, no public officer may knowingly accept any expenditures from a registered lobbyist. The definition of “expenditure” under this bill includes any gratuitous transfer or anything of value without equal or greater consideration, including tickets to athletic, sporting, recreational, musical, or other entertainment events.

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- Legitimate salary and other expenses associated with the recipients business or trade;
- Food, beverages, and registration at group events to which all members of an agency, the House of Representatives, Senate, legislative standing committee or subcommittee, caucus of members of the majority or minority parties of the House or Senate, local delegations, other caucuses of the House and Senate approved by the Ethics committees of the House and Senate, and the governing body of each political subdivision of this state are invited;
- Campaign contributions;

- Payment of a public officer's reasonable and actual travel expenses for attending meetings directly related to the official duties of that public officer;
- Admission to collegiate athletic events featuring a team from the University System of Georgia, or private college accredited by the state, if such admission is offered to all members.

**Definition of Lobbyist:** This bill also expands the definition of lobbyist to include any person advocating a position to a public officer while at a public facility for the purpose of influencing the decision making of a public officer, regardless of whether or not they are compensated, or makes a lobbyist expenditure of any amount. Such person must register as a lobbyist. Exceptions to the registration requirements include persons attempting to influence the decision making of a public officer for no compensation, if that person lives in the officer's district; employees or independent contractors of vendors who are merely participating in a bid proposal; and any person providing information to a governmental entity at that entity's request.

**Registration as a Lobbyist:** The annual lobbyist registration and renewal fee is reduced from \$300.00 to \$25.00. Penalty fees for late filed reports are not changed.

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**Disclosure reports:** Persons required to register as a lobbyist, and who engage in lobbying activities, must file a monthly disclosure report. However, an employee of a branch, department, commission, agency, or authority of the state, and persons acting pro bono who have filed an affidavit with the commission, are not subject to the reporting requirements

**Complaints against Members of the General Assembly:** This bill also requires that any complaint filed with the appropriate chamber alleging improper conduct involving a member of the General Assembly, must include a statement as to whether or not in filing the complaint, the complainant is acting as an agent for another person.

Senator Staton moved that **HB 142 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**[HB 142 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the  
Senate Rules Committee**

**March 21, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 21, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>HB 106</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 122</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 131</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 142</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 175</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 194</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 197</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 209</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 318</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 336</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 359</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 372</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 384</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 402</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 73</u></a>

Senator Staton made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Bill Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## **Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee**

**March 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 22, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mullis announced he would be recommitting SR 203 to the Full Senate Rules Committee.

### **[HB 143](#) (Ralston, 7<sup>th</sup>) *Campaign contributions; disclosure reports; change certain provisions***

Senator Mullis presented a Substitute to the bill [LC 25 6228S]. This bill clarifies that filing fees and attorney fees connected to a campaign are included in the definition of “ordinary and necessary expenses.” The bill also revises the definition of “public officer” to include the executive director of a state council.

Current law requires candidates for county or municipal offices to file disclosure reports electronically with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (“the commission”). This bill requires these persons to file required disclosure reports with the county election superintendent or the municipal clerk, respectively, instead. The county and the municipality may enter an agreement whereby local municipal candidates file with the county elections superintendent. The municipal clerk, chief executive officer of the municipality, or county election superintendent is to transmit a copy of such reports to the commission no later than 30 days after the end of the grace period. Candidates may not be penalized if such a local government official fails to transmit the report in a timely manner.

The bill also allows candidates for local offices to file a written notice upon qualification stating that the candidate or campaign committee does not intend to accept campaign contributions or make expenditures in excess of \$2,500, during the calendar year in which the candidate qualifies. The appropriate official is to electronically transmit a copy of this notice to the commission within 10 days of the close of qualifying. If such notice is filed, and the \$2,500 threshold is not crossed, the candidate or campaign committee will not be required to file a

disclosure report. If the candidate or campaign committee exceeds this \$2,500 limit but does not accept or spend more than \$5,000, then such candidate or campaign committee will only be required to file the June 30 and October 25 reports; the first such report must include contributions and expenditures made beginning January 1 of the calendar year. If the candidate or campaign committee accepts or spends more than \$5,000, then the candidate or committee will be subject to all reporting requirements.

Current law empowers the commission to impose late fees for disclosure reports that are filed late. This bill provides that notice of such late fees is to be sent in the same manner by which the penalized report was filed with the commission; if no report was ever filed or if the report was filed any manner other than electronically or by certified mail, the notice of late fees is to be sent by certified mail. The bill also provides that, except when electronic filing is required, the mailing of disclosure reports within the required filing time as determined by the United States postage date cancellation will serve as prima-facie evidence of filing.

The bill also prohibits candidates for the General Assembly or a statewide-elected public office who have filed a declaration of intention to accept campaign contributions from seeking or accepting campaign contributions during the legislative session.

Additionally, campaign disclosure reports filing dates are amended: in nonelection years, such filings are required January 31st and June 30th; during election years, such reports must be filed January 31st, June 30th, September 30th and October 25th. Final campaign disclosure reports and the accompanying termination statement must now be filed within 10 days of the dissolution of the campaign or committee.

An amendment was offered by Sen. Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup> on behalf of ACCG and GMA for the county government. It made provisions for the local government candidates filing and late fines. Senator Tolleson moved to AMEND THE SUBSTITUTE and was seconded by Senator Gooch. The motion passed.

Senator Unterman moved that **HB 143 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Chance seconded. The bill passed unanimously.

**HB 143 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SR 594 (Loudermilk, 14<sup>th</sup>) Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2011; provide for limitations on state government taxation/expenditures**

Senator Loudermilk presented the resolution. The resolution is proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for limitations on state government taxation and expenditures; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for spending limits; to provide for excess revenues; to provide for the authority of the General Assembly with respect to the foregoing; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection.

Senator Gooch made a motion to amend the resolution on line 10 to change 2011 to 2014, and was seconded by Senator Chance. The motion passed.

Senator Chance moved that **SR 594 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Gooch seconded. The resolution passed with yea votes from Senators Tolleson, Butler, Chance, Gooch, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Millar, Miller, Murphy, Shafer, Staton, Tate, and Unterman. There was one nay vote from Senator Henson.

**SR 594 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SR 597 (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) Georgia Program Integrity Senate Study Committee; create**

Senator Gooch presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Georgia Program Integrity Senate Study Committee.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 597 DO PASS** and Senator Henson seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 597 DO PASS**

**SR 598 (Hill, 6<sup>th</sup>) Senate Public-Private Partnership Study Committee; create**

Senator Gooch presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Public-Private Partnership Study Committee.

Senator Chance moved that **SR 598 DO PASS** and Senator Shafer seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 598 DO PASS**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>HB 36</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 45</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 83</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 115</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 116</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 150</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 161</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 187</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 192</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 193</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 208</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 210</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 246</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 274</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 283</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 298</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 304</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 312</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 315</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 354</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 361</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 389</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 454</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 458</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 4</u></a>

Senator Gooch made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules calendar, and Senator Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Mullis 53<sup>rd</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Rules Committee

March 25, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Rules Committee was held on March 25, in Room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Mullis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Senate Members present included Senators Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Henson of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, and Unterman of the 45<sup>th</sup>.

### **SR 203** (Shafer, 48<sup>th</sup>) **Dick Pettys Senate Press Conference Room; designate**

Senator Shafer presented a Substitute to the resolution [LC 25 6229S]. The resolution directs placement of a plaque in honor of Mr. Dick Pettys outside of the Senate Press Conference Room 203 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Senator Unterman moved that **SR 203 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Miller seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

### **SR 203 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **SR 618** (Beach, 21<sup>st</sup>) **Senate Study Committee on Public Transportation in the Metropolitan Atlanta Region; create**

Senator Beach presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Public Transportation in the metropolitan Atlanta region.

Senator Gooch moved that **SR 618 DO PASS** and Senator Unterman seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

### **SR 618 DO PASS**

### **SR 623** (McKoon, 29<sup>th</sup>) **Senate Select Study Committee on Erin's Law; create**

Senator McKoon presented the resolution. The resolution creates the Senate Select Study Committee on Erin's Law.

Senator Chance moved that **SR 623 DO PASS** and Senator Unterman seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

### **SR 623 DO PASS**

**SR 629 (McKoon, 29<sup>th</sup>) U.S. Congress; encouraged to develop/implement a practical plan; international borders**

Senator McKoon presented the resolution. The resolution encourages the United States Congress to develop and implement a practical plan to secure our country's international borders and appropriate adequate funds for that purpose.

Senator Millar moved that **SR 629 DO PASS** and Senator Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

**SR 629 DO PASS**

The following legislation was placed on the Rules calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>HB 21</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 34</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 59</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 70</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 71</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 78</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 79</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 87</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 99</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 104</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 132</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB139</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 143</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 156</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 160</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 177</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 179</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB182</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 188</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 189</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 199</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 207</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 211</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB215</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 226</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 232</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 238</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 240</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 244</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB250</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 276</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 284</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 289</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 296</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 302</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB320</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 323</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 324</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 332</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 337</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 338</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB365</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 366</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 381</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 382</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 393</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 399</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB407</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 434</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 437</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 441</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 446</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 451</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB463</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 475</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 480</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 482</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 486</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 497</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB499</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 506</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 511</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HB 517</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 73</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 411</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 603</u></a>

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Consent Calendar for the next session day:

<a href="#"><u>SR 71</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 72</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 203</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 228</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 247</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR331</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SR 340</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 345</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 423</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 427</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 499</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR502</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SR 531</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 597</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 598</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 618</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR 623</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SR629</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HR 46</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 107</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HR 502</u></a>			

Senator Tolleson made a **MOTION** to place the above legislation on the next session day's Rules Consent Calendar, and Senator Gooch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Bill Jackson 24<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Debra Charnote, Recording Secretary

March 29, 2013

Honorable Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Room 353  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Along with the minutes of the **Senate Rules Committee**, I am returning the following Resolutions:

[SR 28](#)

[SR 70](#)

[SR 410](#)

[SR 642](#)

[SR 691](#)

[SR 692](#)

[SR 693](#)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Debra Charnote  
Recording Secretary  
Senate Rules Committee