

SPECIAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROSTER

2013

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Senate Special Judiciary Committee Rules 2013-2014

Introduction:

Each member of the Committee should be mindful of the Senate Rules especially regarding attendance.

1. A Quorum of the Committee shall be 4 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 subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairman.
6. No member of the Committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
7. 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.
8. Any member of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

SENATE SPECIAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 4, 2013

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee held its first meeting of the 2013 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 4th in Room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Curt Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Curt Thompson, 5 th – Chair	Senator Emanuel Jones, 10 th
Senator Ronald Ramsey, 43 rd – Vice Chair	Senator Donzella James, 35 th
Senator Gail Davenport, 44 th – Secretary	Senator Mike Crane 28 th
Senator Jason Carter, 42 nd	

Chairman Thompson, 5th welcomed Senators and began by discussing the rules of the committee. Senator Carter moved that the quorum be changed to 4 members, Senator Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Senator Jones made a motion to adopt the minutes and Senator Davenport seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 60 (Heath, Bill 31st) - Requires official written communication to be in electronic format

Senator Bill Heath 31st presented **SB 60** to the committee.

Discussion: Senator Jones stated concerns regarding people not checking their email for notification. Senator Heath explained that the method of communication is used for most state offices anyway. Senator Carter asked if there was a way to opt in. Senator Heath stated that he wanted the bill in the current form to be passed.

Senator Ramsey offered an amendment to the bill. Senator Crane spoke against the Amendment. Senator Jones motioned that the amendment be adopted and Senator Davenport seconded. The amendment passed 5-1 with Senator Crane voting Nay. Senator Ramsey motioned that the bill pass as amended and Senator Jones seconded. The bill passed 5-1 with Senator Crane voting Nay

SB 60 do pass as amended

With no further business, Chairman Thompson, 5th, adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

/s/ Senator Gail Davenport, 44th, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by: /s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

SENATE SPECIAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 13, 2013

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee held its second meeting of the 2013 Legislative Session on February 13th in the Senate Mezzanine in the Capitol. Chairman Curt Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th – Chair
Senator Gail Davenport, 44th – Secretary
Senator Jason Carter 42nd

Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Emmanuel Jones 10th

SB 96 (Mullis, Jeff 53rd) – State Courts, Solicitors-General of; part-time solicitor-general; engage in private practice of law; not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor-general's state court

Senator Mullis (53rd) presented a substitute to **SB 96** to the committee.

Discussion: Senator James and Davenport asked questions about current laws. Stephanie Woodard of the Solicitor General's office spoke against the bill and how members of her association opposed. Chuck Olson from the Prosecuting Attorneys council spoke in favor of the bill and how some counties are contract work. Senator Crane asked Ms. Woodard about the number of responses from her organization and she stated that they all came from full-time Solicitor Generals and not any part-time.

Senator James motioned that the bill do pass and Senator Jones seconded. The bill passed 4-1 with Senator Crane voting nay

SB 96 do pass

With no further business, Chairman Thompson, 5th, adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

/s/ Senator Gail Davenport, 44th, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by: /s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

SENATE SPECIAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 12, 2013

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee held its third meeting of the 2013 Legislative Session on March 12th in Room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Curt Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th – Chair

Senator Jason Carter, 42nd

Senator Gail Davenport, 44th – Secretary

Senator Mike Crane 28th

Senator Donzella James 35th

HB 256 (Harbin, Ben 122nd) – Tobacco; regulation of cigar wraps; provide

Representative Harbin presented **HB 256** to the committee.

Discussion: There was no discussion on the bill. Senator Carter motioned that the bill do pass with Senator James seconding. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 256 do pass

With no further business, Chairman Thompson, 5th, adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

/s/ Senator Gail Davenport, 44th, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by: /s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

SENATE SPECIAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 22, 2013

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee held its fourth meeting of the 2013 Legislative Session on March 22nd in Room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Curt Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th – Chair

Senator Jason Carter, 42nd

Senator Ronald Ramsey, 43rd – Vice Chair

Senator Donzella James, 35th

Senator Gail Davenport, 44th – Secretary

Senator Mike Crane, 28th

HB 150 (Bruce 61st) – Law enforcement officers; the reproduction of arrest booking photographs; enact provisions

Representative Roger Bruce presented **HB 150** to the committee.

Discussion: Wanda Dallas from the Fulton County Sherriff's Office spoke against the bill. Sandra Michaels and Marissa Dodson of the Georgia justice project spoke for the bill. Ragan Marsh addressed concerns on the bill. Senator James motioned the bill do pass with Senator Ramsey seconding. The bill passed unanimously

HB 150 do pass

With no further business, Chairman Thompson, 5th, adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

/s/ Senator Gail Davenport, 44th, Secretary

Respectfully submitted by: /s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

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