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**2014 RULES OF THE
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be fifteen (15) 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.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the 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.
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 presentation by its principal author or a legislator designated by the author.

The **Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committee** met on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 1:00 p.m. for the 2014 Session Joint Budget Hearings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Terry England, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Representative England and Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, spoke before the Joint Appropriations Committee presenting them with a brief overview of his recommendations for the S.F.Y. 2014 Supplemental Appropriations and the S.F.Y. 2015 General Appropriations.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the **S.F.Y. 2014 Supplemental (H.B. 743) and the S.F.Y. 2015 General Appropriations (H.B. 744)**.

1. Dr. Kenneth Heaghey, State Fiscal Economist – Economic Outlook and Revenue Estimating
2. Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent – Department of Education
3. Hank Huckaby, Chancellor – University System of Georgia
4. Clyde Reese, Commissioner – Department of Community Health
5. Block Grant Hearings
6. Keith Golden, Commissioner – Department of Transportation
7. Teresa MacCartney, Director – Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget – Wrap Up

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2014 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: January 15, 2014
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
2014 Session Joint Budget Hearings on
FY2014 Amended and FY2015 General Budgets

Hill - Chairman	Miller
Unterman -Vice Chair	Mullis
Golden - Secretary	Murphy
Balfour	Seay
Carter	Shafer
Chance	Sims
Cowsert	Staton
Crosby	Tate
Davenport	Thompson, C.
Fort	Thompson, S.
Gooch	Tippins
Heath	Tolleson
Hill	Wilkinson
Jackson	Williams

The **Senate Appropriations Committee** met on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 8:15 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

H.B. 743 by Ralston of the 7th and others – Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, known as the "General Appropriations Act".

Hill of the 4th presented the Senate Substitute of H.B. 743 to the Appropriations Committee by providing highlights of the budget followed by an overview of the bill through an identification and explanation of all differences between the Governor' recommendation, House and Senate versions.

Chairman Hill thanked the Subcommittee Chairs for their outstanding leadership and thoughtful decisions made in the development of the amended budget. In continuing comments, he noted that all fourteen Subcommittee Chairs were in attendance to assist with questions from the Committee. Chairman Hill also thanked the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office staff for their hard work and dedication in helping the subcommittees to develop the FY2014 Supplemental Budget.

At the conclusion of a brief discussion, questions and comments, a motion was made by Senator Gooch of the 51st that **H.B. 743, "Do pass by Substitute"**, seconded by Senator Mullis of the 53rd. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2014 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: February 5, 2014

Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee

H.B. 743 – FY2014 Amended Budget

Hill - Chairman	Seay
Unterman -Vice Chair	Shafer
Golden - Secretary	Sims
Balfour	Staton
Carter	Tate
Chance	Tippins
Cowsert	Tolleson
Crosby	Wilkinson
Davenport	Williams
Gooch	
Heath	
Jackson	
Mullis	
Murphy	

The **Senate Appropriations Committee** met on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 8:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

H.B. 744 by Ralston of the 7th and others - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

Senator Hill, 4th presented the Substitute of H.B. 744 to the Senate Appropriations Committee, providing an overview of the differences that existed between the Governor's Recommendation and the House and Senate versions.

Chairman Hill went on to explain that the S.F.Y. 2015 General Appropriations Bill totaled \$20.8 billion in state funds and is based on an increase in Department of Revenue collected revenue totaling 4.4% over the actual amended FY14 DOR revenue estimate, for a total increase of \$776 million.

He discussed that throughout the 2015 General Budget, it contained additional revenue funding for agencies in several budget categories as well as the usual funding for the adjustment to growth in K-12 education.

Chairman Hill noted the attendance of all fourteen Subcommittee Chairs and the Senate Budget and Evaluation staff to assist with any questions from the Committee. He thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication in helping the subcommittees to develop the FY15 General Budget.

The Chair accepted questions from the Committee. Following a brief discussion and comments, a motion was made by Senator Mullis, 53rd that **H.B. 744, "Do pass by substitute"**, seconded by Senator Unterman, 45th. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Golden of the 8th, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

2014 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 4, 2014

Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee

H.B. 744 – FY2015 General Budget

Hill - Chairman	Seay
Unterman -Vice Chair	Sims
Golden - Secretary	Staton
Carter	Tippins
Chance	Tolleson
Cowsert	Wilkinson
Crosby	Williams
Davenport	
Gooch	
Heath	
Hill	
Jackson	
Miller	
Mullis	

April 15, 2014

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Cook:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Appropriations Committee during the 2014 Legislative Session:

[H.B. 127](#)
[S.B. 42](#)
[S.B. 295](#)
[S.B. 308](#)
[S.B. 357](#)
[S.B. 373](#)
[S.B. 400](#)
[S.B. 433](#)
[S.R. 438](#)
[S.R. 750](#)
[S.R. 1029](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela W. Touhy, Recording Secretary
Senate Appropriations Committee