

Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

2014

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RULES

SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2014

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d) regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation.
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
4. 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 a time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. Any members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report, in writing, with the Secretary of the Senate when the committee report is read, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee in a meeting called by the Chairman.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d).

AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met Monday, February 10, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman

Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

Senator Bill Heath, 31st

Senator Lester Jackson, 2nd

Senator Tommie Williams, 19th

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

SB 351 (Jeffares, 17th) State Soil and Water Conservation Commission Support

Senator Jeffares, 17th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **SB 351 “DO PASS”**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded the motion. Bill passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote by Senator Lester Jackson.

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Jimmy Clements to the **Georgia Seed Development Commission**. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion to appoint Mr. Jimmy Clements and Senator Jackson, 2nd, seconded the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met Wednesday,
March 5, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th
Senator Williams, 19th

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

HB 825 (Houston, 170th) Alcoholic Beverages; fruit growers licensed as farm wineries; obtain license authorizing production of distilled spirits and fortified wines pursuant to certain conditions; permit

Representative Houston, 170th, presented the bill to the committee. Representative Green and Representative Dickey spoke in favor of the bill. Sean Casey, Deputy Commissioner with the Department of Revenue spoke to the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 825 “DO PASS”**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 778 (Pezold, 133rd) Food service establishments; certain nonprofit charitable entities from regulation; exempt

Representative Pezold, 133rd, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 778 “DO PASS”**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

NOTE: Senator Heath, 31st, was late for the meeting. Let the minutes reflect that Senator Heath, 31st, wanted it recorded in the minutes that if present for the vote on HB 825, his vote would be “no” on the bill.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met Monday, March 10, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilkinson, 50th, Chairman
Senator Harper, 7th, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Burke, 11th
Senator Jackson, 2nd
Senator Orrock, 36th
Senator Williams, 19th

Chairman Wilkinson, 50th, called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m.

HB 915 (Representative Clark, 98th) Identity theft; security freezes for minors; provisions

Rep. Clark, 98th, presented the bill to the committee. Senator Orrock, 36th, made a motion that **HB 915 “DO PASS”**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

HB 854 (Representative Dollar, 45th) Condominiums Special Assessment Fee

Representative Dollar, 45th, presented the bill to the committee. Attorney, Mr. G. Lanier Coulter spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion that **HB 854 “DO PASS”**. Senator Harper, 7th, seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Susan Henry, Recording Secretary

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Secretary

March 25, 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 bill which was not acted upon in the Senate Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee during the 2014 Legislative Session:

[SB 387](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary
Senate Agriculture & Consumer Affairs