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**2013-2014 Rules for the Senate Committee on
State Institutions & Property**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. A bill or resolution will be considered only after notification of the principal author or others who he/she may designate. The Principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
4. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the Senate the final five (5) days of the session, except upon written petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the Committee.
5. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
6. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. Subcommittees shall have the authority to consider measures assigned to them and to make recommendations thereon to the full Committee, but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by full Committee.

**SENATE STATE INSTITUTIONS &
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Monday, February 10, 2014
2:00 p.m. – CLOB 310

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Albers, 56th, Chairman
Senator Jones, 25th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary
Senator Crane, 28th
Senator Davenport, 44th

Chairman Albers, 56th, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Senator Jackson, 24th, and Senator Lucas, 26th, were not present.

SR 788 (Sen. Albers, 56th) – Property Conveyance; authorizing 13 counties

This legislation authorizes the conveyance of specific state-owned real property throughout the state.

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Mr. Frank Smith, Deputy Executive Director of the State Properties Commission, to speak to SR 788, the annual conveyance resolution. After the resolution was originally submitted to the Secretary of the Senate's office, there were some additional properties added which produced a substitute resolution. All of the legislators for the affected properties were informed ahead of time and there was no opposition.

The motion of "**SR 788 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 40 0554S)**" was made by Senator Jones, 25th, and Senator Thompson, 14th, seconded it. The bill passed unanimously (4-0) by the members present.

SR 868 (Sen. Albers, 56th) - Public Property; granting of restrictive and nonexclusive easements for operation/maintenance of facilities; utilities 12 counties

This legislation grants nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Appling, Barrow, Bibb, Bryan, Fulton, Gordon, Jasper, Laurens, McIntosh, Monroe, Toombs, and Troup.

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Mr. Frank Smith, Deputy Executive Director of the State Properties Commission, to speak to SR 868, the annual easements resolution. All of the legislators for the affected properties were informed ahead of time and there was no opposition.

The motion of “**SR 868 DO PASS**” was made by Senator Thompson, 14th, and Senator Jones, 25th, seconded it. The bill passed unanimously (4-0) by the members present.

SR 847 (Sen. Jeffares, 17th) – Heritage Preserve; dedicated real property located in Rockdale and Henry Counties; authorize the change of use

This legislation authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to establish facilities for DNR staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory at Panola Mountain State Park in Rockdale and Henry Counties.

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Senator Jeffares, 17th, to explain SR 847. This legislation was requested by the Department of Natural Resources to change the use of a state park for Department staff and a historical and cultural preservation laboratory. This will save the state money previously used to rent space and will serve as a morale booster for employees by providing more efficient office space. The Heritage Trust Fund will move over to this property as well; this move was approved by the Board on 1/31/14.

Senator Lucas, 26th, joined the committee meeting after the first two votes were taken.

DNR Commissioner Mark Williams spoke in support of this resolution.

The motion of “**SR 847 DO PASS**” was made by Senator Lucas, 26th, and Senator Jones, 25th, seconded it. The bill passed unanimously (5-0) by the members present.

Having no further business for the committee to consider, Chairman Albers, 56th, adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

/s/ Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

**SENATE STATE INSTITUTIONS &
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
4:00 p.m. – CAP 450

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Albers, 56th, Chairman
Senator Jones, 25th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary
Senator Crane, 28th
Senator Davenport, 44th

Chairman Albers, 56th, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Senator Jackson, 24th, and Senator Lucas, 26th, were not present.

[HB 495](#) (Rep. Hill, 22nd) – State Properties Code; conveyance of state property and consideration of conveyances by General Assembly; modify provisions

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Mr. Frank Smith, Deputy Executive Director of the State Properties Commission, to speak to HB 495. He briefly explained that this was a bill to change the process for selling state land so it would be more efficient and save money. This legislation expedites the sale of state property by removing the General Assembly from the conveyance process for any property appraised under \$500,000. The sale of such property must still be approved by the State Properties Commission. This legislation also allows conveyance resolutions to proceed through the legislative committee process while the legislature is not in session.

A short discussion followed to address a concern expressed by Senator Davenport, 44th, regarding checks and balances for this new process. Mr. Smith explained that certified or registered mail will be used to notify the representative or senator for the district of the pending sale. There is a veto period of thirty days to stop the process and provide fairness to the district.

Mr. Keith Hatcher, of the Georgia Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill commenting that the Commission would be acting more like a business with this change.

The motion of “**HB 495 DO PASS**” was made by Senator Thompson, 14th, and Senator Jones, 25th, seconded it. The bill passed unanimously (4-0) by the members present. Senator Jones, 25th, will carry the bill in the Senate.

Having no further business for the committee to consider, Chairman Albers, 56th, adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

/s/ Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

**SENATE STATE INSTITUTIONS &
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Monday, March 10, 2014
2:00 p.m. – CLOB 310

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Albers, 56th, Chairman
Senator Jones, 25th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary
Senator Crane, 28th
Senator Davenport, 44th
Senator Lucas, 26th

Chairman Albers, 56th, called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. Senator Jackson, 24th, was not present.

[HB 1080](#) (Rep. Smyre, 135th) – Capitol grounds; provide for placement of statue of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Rep. Smyre, 135th, to present the bill. This legislation provides for the placement of a statue of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Capitol grounds, subject to the availability of private funds. Unless public safety concerns warrant postponement, such monument will be procured and placed as soon as practicable.

The King family was contacted regarding the intellectual property issue of erecting a statue. This was done to show understanding and support for the family's rights as well as to protect the State. The substitute (LC 25 6389S) added that the monument would be placed as soon as practicable "but not before the state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for purposes of this Code section."

Senator Lucas, 26th, asked if contact was made with the family. Rep. Smyre, 135th, confirmed that there were conversations with both the family and the Governor's Office.

The motion of "**[HB 1080](#) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 25 6389S)" was made by Senator Davenport, 44th, and Senator Thompson, 14th, seconded it. The vote passed unanimously (5-0) by the members present. Senator Davenport, 44th, will carry the bill in the Senate.**

HB 702 (Rep. Morris, 156th) – Capitol grounds; provide placement of a monument depicting the Ten Commandments, Preamble to the State Constitution, and Preamble to the United States Constitution

Chairman Albers, 56th, called upon Rep. Morris, 156th, to present the bill. Subject to the availability of funds, this legislation provides for the placement within the State Capitol or grounds, a historic granite monument depicting:

- (1) The Preamble to the Georgia Constitution;
- (2) The part of the Declaration of Independence which states that “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”; and
- (3) The Ten Commandments.

No public funds will be expended for the design or procurement of the monument; however, gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations will be accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the requirements of this legislation.

Senator Thompson, 14th, asked about the collection of funds. Rep. Morris, 156th, explained that the Capitol Art Standards Commission will establish an escrow account for this purpose. He also stated that there is no estimated delivery date or known cost for this project at this time.

The motion of “**HB 702 DO PASS**” was made by Senator Lucas, 26th, and Senator Jones, 25th, seconded it. The bill passed unanimously (5-0) by the members present. Senator Albers, 56th, will carry the bill in the Senate.

Having no further business for the committee to consider, Chairman Albers, 56th, adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

/s/ Senator Thompson, 14th, Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

April 10, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Cook:

The following bills are being reported as having no action taken on them by the Senate State Institutions and Property Committee during the 2014 Legislative Session:

[Senate Bill 19](#)

[Senate Bill 35](#)

[House Resolution 1524](#)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diana Hauser
Senate State Institutions and Property Committee
Recording Secretary