

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
ROSTER 2015-2016**

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The **Senate Committee on Government Oversight** met on February 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

Chairman Heath (31st) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman, was absent.

This was the first meeting of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight of the 2015 Legislative Session. Chairman Heath (31st) introduced himself and welcomed Committee members, staff, and guests. Chairman Heath (31st) opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting began with discussion and adoption of the Committee Rules for the 2015 Legislative Session. Sen. Parent (42nd) asked why quorum had changed from last session. Chairman Heath (31st) explained that there were fewer members of the Committee for the 2015 session. No further questions were asked.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion to **Adopt the Committee Rules** and was seconded by Sen. Seay (34th). The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

There being no further business, Chairman Heath (31st) adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary

Senate Committee on Government Oversight Rules

2015-2016 Legislative Session

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be three (3) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which cases or investigations shall be heard and the order in which said hearings are to commence.
3. The Committee will not hear a bill unless the Chairman receives a written request for a hearing from the author of the bill.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer cases or investigations to Subcommittee for study. Such Subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such cases to the full Committee.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put forward questions and adjourn upon order of the Chairman, subject to the Rules of the Senate.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
7. If a Committee member moves on a House bill without a Senate sponsor, that Committee member becomes the sponsor of the bill.
8. After adoption, these rules may be amended upon motion duly made, seconded, and subsequently approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee.
9. The Secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these rules to all members.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

The **Senate Committee on Government Oversight** met on February 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

Chairman Heath (31st) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

Chairman Heath (31st) welcomed Committee members, staff, and guests. Vice-Chairman Harbin (16th) opened the meeting with a prayer.

SR 155 (Sen. Hill, 32nd, LC 106 0102) U.S. Congress; encouraged to adopt and to submit to the states a balanced amendment to the U.S. Constitution and balance our current budget.

Sen. Judson Hill (32nd), the author of SR 155, spoke to his resolution. Sen. Parent (42nd) asked questions to Sen. Hill (32nd) regarding similar legislation passed during previous sessions in the United States Congress. Vice-Chairman Harbin (16th) further responded to questions put forth by Sen. Parent (42nd).

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Harbin (16th) seconded the motion. The vote was tied at 2-2. The yea votes were Sen. Kirk (13th) and Sen. Harbin (16th). The nay votes were Sen. Parent (42nd) and Sen. Seay (34th). Chairman Heath (31st) voted in the affirmative to break the tie.

SR 155 DO PASS

There being no further business, Chairman Heath (31st) adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary

The **Senate Committee on Government Oversight** met on March 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

Chairman Heath (31st) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Heath (31st) introduced himself and welcomed Committee members, staff, and guests. Vice-Chairman Harbin (16th) opened the meeting with a prayer.

SR 388 (Sen. Heath, 31st, LC 34 4335ER) Constitution; prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services; allow religious/faith based organization to receive public aid.

Chairman Heath (31st) explained that SR 388 would be a constitutional amendment and that if it passed the Senate and House it would need to be voted on by the people of Georgia. This constitutional amendment would allow for the State of Georgia to give money to religious organizations that provide social aid. Chairman Heath (31st) asked if there were any questions regarding SR 388. No questions were asked.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Harbin (16th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 388 DO PASS

Note: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 3:07 p.m. and asked questions pertaining to the resolution; however, the motion had already passed.

There being no further business, Chairman Heath (31st) adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary

The **Senate Committee on Government Oversight** met on March 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

Chairman Heath (31st) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

NOTE: Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman, arrived at 2:06 p.m.

Speakers List:

Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner and General Counsel, Georgia Department of Administrative Services
First grade class of Reese Road Leadership Academy

HB 259 (Rep. Rogers, 10th, LC 40 0773) The Georgia Business Act

Rep. Terry Rogers (10th), the author of HB 259, presented his bill to the Committee. Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner and General Counsel at the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, spoke in support of the bill. Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) asked questions regarding the necessity of the bill. Rep. Rogers (10th) stated that the bill will align Georgia with procurement laws in other states. No opposition was expressed.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 259 DO PASS

HB 385 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th, LC 21 3664) Health records; determining annual cost adjustment for providing medical records from Office of Planning and Budget to Department of Community Health; move responsibility

Rep. Chad Nimmer (178th), the author of HB 385, presented his bill to the Committee. No support or opposition was expressed.

Sen. Parent (42nd) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 385 DO PASS

HB 386 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th, LC 21 3665) Georgia Coordinating Committee for Rural and Human Services Transportation; Chapter 12 of Title 32; repeal

Rep. Chad Nimmer (178th), the author of HB 386, presented his bill to the

Committee. No support or opposition was expressed.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 386 DO PASS

HB 252 (Rep. Caldwell, 20th, LC 33 5985S) J. Calvin Hill, Jr., Act; enact

Rep. Michael Caldwell (20th), the author of HB 252, presented his bill to the Committee. No support or opposition was expressed.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 252 DO PASS

HB 70 (Rep. Hugley, 136th, LC 40 0812S) Designate White Tailed Deer as Official State Mammal

Rep. Carolyn Hugley (136th), the author of HB 70, presented her bill to the Committee. Support for the bill was expressed by the first grade class of Reese Road Leadership Academy. Chairman Heath (31st) presented a substitute to the bill.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 40 0903S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Kirk (13th). The motion passed unanimously.

HB 70 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 40 0903S)

With no further business to attend to, Chairman Heath (31st) adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadelupe, Recording Secretary



The State Senate

April 10, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Cook,

On behalf of Chairman Heath, I am returning the following bills assigned to the Senate Government Oversight Committee for the 2015 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

No action was taken on the following legislation:

SB40

SB54

SR65

SB 61

SR 123

HB565

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe
Recording Secretary
Senate Government Oversight Committee

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