

Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism 2015 Roster

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Sen. Michal A. Rhett (33rd)
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Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
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Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
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Sen. Donzella James (35th)
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Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
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Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

The Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism met in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 03, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) and Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and presented the Committee Rules. Sen. Lucas (26th) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

NOTE: Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, arrived at 2:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (10th), Secretary, arrived at 2:10 p.m.

SB 4 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 0882) Urban Redevelopment; provide for use of surface transportation projects; definitions; public contracts with private enterprises for completion

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), the author of SB 4, presented his bill to the Committee. SB 4 expands urban redevelopment efforts, including utilization of public and private resources, to surface transportation projects.

Robert Highsmith from Holland and Knight and Jill Johnson from Atlanta BeltLine Inc. spoke for the bill.

SB 4 HEARING ONLY

SB 5 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 25 6464ER) Georgia Ports Authority; provide for powers; acceptance of loans/grants from United States upon certain terms and conditions

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), the author of SB 5, presented his bill to the Committee. SB 5 states that the Georgia Port Authority may indemnify the United States as a condition of a loan or grant.

Lee Beckman from the Georgia Ports Authority spoke for the bill.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion SB 5 **Do Pass by Substitute** (LC 37 1897ERS). Sen. Jackson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 5 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 1897ERS)

With no further business, Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

**Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Rules 2015**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and as to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee meeting.
6. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths 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. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

The Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism met in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived at 4:11 p.m.)
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th) (Arrived at 4:33 p.m.)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II, (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) (Arrived at 4:03 p.m.)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, and Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

SB 4 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 0882) Urban Redevelopment; provide for use of surface transportation projects; definitions; public contracts with private enterprises for completion

Sen. Gooch (51st), the author of SB 4, continued his presentation of the bill to the Committee.

Robert Highsmith, from Holland and Knight, and Jill Johnson, from Atlanta BeltLine Inc., both spoke for the bill.

Sen. Jackson (24th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 0911S)**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 4 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 0911S)

SB 59 (Sen. Hill, 6th, LC 28 7355ER) Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act

Sen. Hill (6th), the author of SB 59, presented his bill to the Committee.

Rusty Paul, from Sandy Springs, and Mark Woodall from Associated General Contractors, both spoke for the bill.

Neil Harris, from the Sierra Club, spoke against the bill.

Sen. Jackson (24th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 7454ERS)**. Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 59 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 7454ERS)

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) abstained from voting on SB 59 pursuant to Committee Rule 2-4.2

With no further business, Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

The Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism met in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary (Arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived at 4:08 p.m.)
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) (Arrived at 4:04 p.m.)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (Arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) was absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

SB 85 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 41 0377) Development Authorities; revise the definition of projects as applicable; modify the tax exemption

Sen. Beach (21st), the author of SB 85, presented the bill to the Committee. SB 85 amends Code Section 36-62-2 relating to the definition of “projects” and enacts a new definition.

Lou Horne, from the Development Authority of Fulton County, spoke for the bill. Mr. Horne explained the purpose of SB 85 and answered questions that the Committee members had regarding development authorities’ agreements between hired private contractors to construct/maintain buildings, as well as questions regarding the ownership of such buildings.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Jackson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 85 DO PASS

With no further business, Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

The Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism met in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emmanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) and Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

SR 113 (Sen. Hill, 32nd, LC 28 7426) Senate Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee; create

Sen. Judson Hill (32nd), the author of SR 113, presented the resolution to the Committee. Sen. Hill (32nd) explained SR 113 would create the Senate Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee, in order to incentivize development in Georgia, as well as keep jobs in the state.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 113 DO PASS

SR 114 (Sen. Hill, 32nd, LC 28 7427) Joint Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee; create

Sen. Judson Hill (32nd), the author of SR 114, presented the resolution to the Committee. It creates a Joint Study Committee for Entrepreneur in Residence.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 114 DO PASS

With no further business, Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

The Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism met in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman (Arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Emmanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Bill Jackson (24th) and Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 6:09 p.m.

HB 510 (Rep. Stephens, 164th) Georgia Sports Commission Fund; create; provisions

Rep. Ron Stephens (164th), the author of HB 510, presented the bill to the Committee. HB 510 creates the Georgia Sports Commission Fund as a separate fund from the OneGeorgia Authority. This fund generates tourism dollars through a competitive bidding process.

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Sen. James (35th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2008S)**. Sen. Jeffares (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 510 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2008S)

SR 329 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 108 0511) Taiwan; commend

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), the author of SR 329, presented the resolution to the Committee. Sen. Beach (21st) explained the purpose of SR 329, which commends Taiwan for its relationship with the state of Georgia. Taiwan has supported and aided in the economic growth and development of Georgia, and the state has a great relationship with Taiwan. Sen. Beach (21st) urged the approval of the resolution and hopes to continue Georgia’s relationship with Taiwan.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 329 DO PASS

SR 494 (Sen. Lucas, 26th, LC 28 7617) **Effect on Georgia of Normalization of Relations with Cuba; Senate Study Committee**

Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th), the author of SR 494, presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. James (35th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 494 DO PASS

NOTE: Allie Kelley from the Georgia Conservancy and Harriett Langford gave a short presentation on the Mission Zero Corridor to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

With no further business, Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman

April 8, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Cook:

On behalf of Chairman Ginn and Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, I am returning no bills and no resolutions to your office this year.

Sincerely,

April Sigmund
Legislative Assistant