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2015 SESSION**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary held its first meeting of the 2015 Legislative Session on Monday, February 9th in Room 122 of the Capitol.

Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Sen. Curt Thompson (5 th) – Chair	Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22 nd)
Sen. Gail Davenport (44 th) – Secretary	Sen. Donzella James (35 th)

NOTE: Sen. Jones (10th) and Sen. Parent (42nd) were absent.

Chairman Sen. Curt Thompson (5th) called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., welcomed Senators and presented Committee Rules to the members.

Sen. Davenport (44th) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules and Sen. Jones, II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

With no further business, Chairman Thompson (5th) adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gail Davenport (44th), Secretary

/s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY RULES 2015-2016

Each member of the Committee should be mindful of the Senate Rules, especially regarding attendance.

1. A Quorum of the Committee shall be 4 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 at such a time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairman.
6. No member of the Committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
7. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote, which interest is distinct, unique, or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.
8. Any member of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary held its second meeting of the 2015 Legislative Session on Monday, February 23rd in Room 125 of the Capitol.

Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Sen. Emanuel Jones (10 th) – Vice-Chair	Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22 nd)
Sen. Gail Davenport (44 th) – Secretary	Sen. Donzella James (35 th)

NOTE: Sen. Thompson (5th) and Sen. Parent (42nd) were absent.

Vice-Chairman Emanuel Jones (10th) called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m. and welcomed Senators. He called on Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) to explain Senate Bill 64.

SB 64, Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Juvenile Code, domestic relations, and vital records, respectively, so as to repeal voluntary acknowledgments of legitimation.

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) presented SB 64 to the Committee.

Patricia Bonodono, of the Georgia Commission on Child Support, spoke in support of the bill. Tim Kibler, of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, spoke of his concerns on the bill. Sen. Davenport (44th) and Sen. James (35th) both asked questions to the author regarding child support enforcements.

Sen. James (35th) moved that SB 64 **Do Pass** and Sen. Jones, II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 64 Do Pass

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Jones (10th) adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gail Davenport (44th), Secretary

/s/ Javier A. Brown, Recording Secretary

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7/27/15

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Mr. Cook:

There were no bills from the Senate Special Judiciary Committee to return for the 2015 session.

Thank you,

Javier Brown
Recording Secretary,
Senate Special Judiciary Committee