

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ROSTER**

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Sen. Curt Thompson
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**2016 RULES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be sixteen (16) 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.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
6. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator designated by the author.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
February 8, 2016

The Senate Committee on Appropriations met on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 341 of the State Capitol. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Sen. Jack Hill (4th) at 8:15 a.m. Business was conducted as follows:

HB 750 (Rep. David Ralston, 7th) Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Chairman Hill (4th) presented the Senate Substitute to HB 750 to the Committee by providing highlights of the budget, followed by an overview of the bill through an identification and explanation of all differences between the Governor's recommendation and the House and Senate versions.

Chairman Hill (4th) thanked the Subcommittee Chairs for their leadership and thoughtful decisions made in the development of the amended budget. Chairman Hill (4th) also thanked the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office staff for their hard work and dedication in helping the Subcommittees to develop the FY2016 Supplemental Budget.

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 750 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th), Secretary

/s/ Beth Boatright, Recording Secretary

2016 SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Roll Call Sheet

Date: February 8, 2016
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
HB 750

Members Present:

Sen. Jack Hill, Chairman
Senate District 4

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler
Senate District 52

Sen. Renee Unterman, Vice-Chairman
Senate District 45

Sen. Bill Jackson
Senate District 24

Sen. Charlie Bethel, Secretary
Senate District 54

Sen. William Ligon, Jr.
Senate District 3

Sen. John Albers
Senate District 56

Sen. Butch Miller
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Senate District 53

Sen. Dean Burke
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Senate District 38

Sen. Frank Ginn
Senate District 47

Sen. Lindsey Tippins
Senate District 37

Sen. Bill Heath
Senate District 31

Sen. John Wilkinson
Senate District 50

Members Absent:

Sen. Mike Crane
Senate District 28

Sen. Vincent D. Fort
Senate District 39

Sen. Steve Gooch
Senate District 51

Sen. Hunter Hill
Senate District 6

Sen. Judson Hill
Senate District 32

Sen. Nan Orrock
Senate District 36

Sen. David Shafer
Senate District 48

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims
Senate District 12

Sen. Curt Thompson
Senate District 5

Sen. Tommie Williams
Senate District 19

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
March 7, 2016

The Senate Committee on Appropriations met on Monday, March 7, 2016, in Room 341 of the State Capitol, convening at 7:30 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Hill (4th) at 7:30 a.m.

HB 751 (Rep. David Ralston, 7th) General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Chairman Hill (4th) presented the Senate substitute of HB 751 to the Senate Appropriations Committee by providing an overview of the bill through an identification and explanation of all differences between the Governor's recommendation and the House and Senate versions.

Chairman Hill (4th) discussed the highlights of the FY 2017 Appropriations Bill, which contained additional revenue funding for agencies in several budget categories and talked briefly about bond packages in the Bill.

Chairman Hill (4th) thanked the Subcommittee Chairs for their leadership and thoughtful decisions made in the development of the 2017 General Budget. Chairman Hill (4th) also thanked the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office staff for their hard work and dedication in helping the Subcommittees to develop the FY2017 General Budget.

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) made a motion **HB 751 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 751 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th), Secretary

/s/ Beth Boatright, Recording Secretary

2016 SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 7, 2016
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
H.B. 751

Members Present:

Sen. Jack Hill, Chairman
Senate District 4

Sen. Hunter Hill
Senate District 6

Sen. Renee Unterman, Vice-Chairman
Senate District 45

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler
Senate District 52

Sen. Charlie Bethel, Secretary
Senate District 54

Sen. Bill Jackson
Senate District 24

Sen. John Albers
Senate District 56

Sen. Butch Miller
Senate District 49

Sen. Ellis Black
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Sen. Bill Heath
Senate District 31

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Sen. John Wilkinson
Senate District 50

Members Absent:

Sen. Mike Crane
Senate District 28

Sen. Gail Davenport
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Sen. Vincent D. Fort
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Sen. Judson Hill
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Sen. William Ligon, Jr.
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Sen. Nan Orrock
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Senate District 19

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
March 11, 2016

The Senate Committee on Appropriations met on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 341 of the State Capitol. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Hill (4th) at 8:00 a.m.

HB 745 (Rep. Earl Ehrhart, 36th) Public property; extend automatic repeals of certain provisions relating to writing off small amounts due to the state; provisions

Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th) presented HB 754 to the Committee by providing an overview of the bill through an explanation of the two provisions regarding the Board of Regents: an expansion of current provisions and extension of the ability to write off small amounts in collections.

Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) made a motion **HB 745 Do Pass**. Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 16-0.

HB 745 DO PASS

HB 773 (Rep. Penny Houston, 170th) Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; outstanding bond limit; increase

Sen. Bethel (54th) presented HB 773 to the Senate Appropriations Committee by providing a brief background on the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority. Sen. Bethel (54th) further offered explanation that the bond limit for the GHFA had been capped at \$1.3 million since 1993, and that 100% of the bonds were backed by the federal government and not the State of Georgia. He further urged the committee to approve that the bond limit be increased to \$3 million.

Rep. Houston (170th) was also present to speak to the bill, and explained that these bonds were not only for low-income persons, as the average income for recipients is \$48,000.

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) made a motion **HB 773 Do Pass**. Sen. Gail Davenport (44th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 16-1. Sen. Bethel (54th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Davenport (44th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Hill (6th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Ligon (3rd), Sen. Mullis (53rd), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Tate (38th), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), and Sen. Williams (19th) voted yea. Sen. Sen. Heath (31st) voted nay. Sen. Gooch (51st) abstained.

HB 773 DO PASS

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th), Secretary

/s/ Beth Boatright, Recording Secretary

2016 SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Roll Call Sheet

Date: March 11, 2016
Meeting: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
H.B. 745
H.B. 773

Members Present:

Sen. Jack Hill, Chairman
Senate District 4

Sen. Hunter Hill
Senate District 6

Sen. Charlie Bethel, Secretary
Senate District 54

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler
Senate District 52

Sen. John Albers
Senate District 56

Sen. William Ligon, Jr.
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Appropriations, Chairman
Rules, Vice-Chairman
Natural Resources and the Environment
Regulated Industries and Utilities
Finance, Ex Officio

March 29, 2016

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 bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Appropriations Committee during the 2016 Legislative Session:

H.B. 230
S.B. 12
S.B. 38
S.R. 14
S.R. 24
S.R. 335
S.R. 331
S.R. 356
S.R. 527

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth K. Boatright".

Beth K. Boatright, Recording Secretary
Senate Appropriations Committee