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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, January 25, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its first meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and all members of the Committee were present. He started the meeting by stating that the same Committee rules would apply as were used in the 2015 session.

[SB 263](#) (Sen. Bruce Thompson, 14th) Law Enforcement Officers; provide governing authority; employs sworn police officers who are P.O.S.T. certified; policies; disability in line of duty

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Thompson (14th) to speak to the bill.

Ms. Catherine Bernard, citizen of Georgia, spoke against the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Having no others, he asked for a motion.

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 263 DO PASS

[SB 279](#) (Sen. Harper, 7th) Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; include Commissioners of Juvenile Justice/Natural Resources as voting members

Chairman Harper (7th) explained his bill to the Committee.

Mr. John T. Smith, Department of Juvenile Justice, said he was for the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Having no others, he asked for a motion.

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 279 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Wednesday, January 27, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its second meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

SB 270 (Sen. P. K. Martin, 9th) Firearms; authorize qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry handgun anywhere within this state

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Martin (9th) to speak to the bill.

Ms. Catherine Bernard, citizen of Georgia, spoke against the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Having no others, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0659S)**. Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

SB 270 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its third meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, and Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

This was an **administrative meeting only**. SB 303 and SB 304 were moved to the General Welfare and Safety Subcommittee of the Senate Public Safety Committee. SB 192 and SB 268 were moved to the Law Enforcement Subcommittee of the Senate Public Safety Committee.

No bills were taken up at this meeting.

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, February 8, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its fourth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Harold Jones, II (22nd), and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

SB 320 (Sen. Watson, 1st) Driver's License; revise exemptions afforded to nonresidents issued to them in home state/country

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Watson (1st) to speak to the bill.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mike Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Mr. Elmer Stancil, Georgia Department of Economic Development
Mr. Jay Morgan, Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association

The substitute presented for SB 320 (LC 41 0700S) was **amended** by unanimous consent to include 1/1/17 as the effective date of the bill to allow the Georgia Department of Driver Services to prepare for the new processing rules contained in the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Having no others, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0701S)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

SB 320 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its fifth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

[SB 316](#) (Sen. Steve Gooch, 51st) Bingo; remove the daily permissible prize limitation while preserving the weekly permissible prize limitation

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Gooch (51st) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 36 2942)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

SB 316 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

[SR 558](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) General Assembly; proceeds of excise taxes on sale of fireworks; funding of trauma care

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Mullis (53rd) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0686S)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SR 558 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 350 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Taxation on Consumer Fireworks; dedicate moneys collected; trauma care, fire services, and local public safety purposes

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Mullis (53rd) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 0698)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 350 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting at 1:26 p.m. for other business in the Capitol.

SB 369 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Fireworks; revise the standard of compliance from explosion to ignition; definitions.

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Mullis (3rd) to speak to the bill, who deferred until all public speakers were heard.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Mr. Justin Kirnon, GMA

Mr. Todd Edwards, ACCG; he added that ACCG would like further input on the hours of use.

Speaking against the bill:

Mr. Roger Loyd, Tennessee Fireworks Association

NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) left the meeting at 1:39 p.m. for other business in the Capitol.

Sen. Mullis (53rd), the sponsor of the bill, asked that the bill be **TABLED** so it could be further perfected. Chairman Harper (7th) agreed, and said he would plan to have the bill brought up again at the next Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, February 19.

SB 369 TABLED

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, February 22, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its sixth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

[SB 365](#) (Sen. Shafer, 48th) License Plates; establish special license plate for the Georgia Pet Foundation

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. David Shafer (48th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Mr. Bryan Fiveash, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA).

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1103)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 365 DO PASS

[SB 369](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Fireworks; revise the standard of compliance from explosion to ignition; definitions

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Mullis (53rd) to speak to the new substitute for the bill.

An amendment was presented by Chairman Harper (7th), **AM 41 0153**. After a brief explanation, Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (AM 41 0153)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The **amendment** was unanimously accepted for the purpose of creating a new Committee substitute.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0758S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 369 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 747 (Rep. Terry Rogers, 10th) Motor vehicles; safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; update reference date to federal regulations

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Rogers (10th) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Williams (27th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1119)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Chairman Harper (7th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 747 DO PASS

SB 404 (Chairman Harper, 7th) Public Safety Department; off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; revise provisions

Chairman Harper (7th) explained the bill to the Committee members.

Speaking for the bill was Col. Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner of Public Safety.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 0737)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 404 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Wednesday, February 24, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its seventh meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Michael Williams (27th) was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

[SB 416](#) (Sen. Bill Cowsert, 46th) **GBI; establish Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center; provide fusion center for sharing and analysis of homeland security activity information**

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Cowsert (46th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking against the bill was Mr. Thomas Weaver, speaking for himself.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 0749)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

SB 416 DO PASS

[HB 421](#) (Rep. Chad Nimmer, 178th) **Retirement and pensions; officers employed by Department of Community Supervision shall be entitled to certain disability benefits; provide**

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Nimmer (178th) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 43 0253-ECS)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Sen. John Kennedy (18th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 421 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Williams (27th) joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

SB 304 (Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd) Criminal Records; allow for the preservation of a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by Georgia Crime Information

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Parent (42nd) to speak to the substitute for the bill (LC 41 0768S).

Speaking for the bill was:

Mr. Frank V. Rotondo, Georgia Police Chiefs

Deputy Chief C.J. Davis, City of Atlanta Police Department, on behalf of Chief George Turner, APD

Ms. Susan Tate, Georgia Probate Judges

Speaking against the bill was Mr. Thomas Weaver, speaking for himself.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Jones (22nd) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0768S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 304 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SR 1032 (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd) Senate Sexual Offender Registry Study Committee; create

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Mullis (53rd) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 29 6992)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SR 1032 DO PASS

SB 6 (Sen. Josh McKoon, 29th) "Georgia Road Safety and Driver's License Integrity Act"; provide that persons who possess a lawful alien status are the only category of noncitizens who may obtain certain licenses, permits, or cards

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. McKoon (29th) to speak to the substitute for the bill (LC 41 0756S).

Speaking against the bill were:

Mr. David Schaefer, Latin American Association

Mr. Samuel Aguilar, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)

Mr. Raymond Partolan, Asian-Americans Advancing Justice Atlanta (AAAJ-Atlanta)

Mr. Thomas Weaver, speaking for himself

Ms. Kelli Persons, League of Women Voters

Ms. Karen Bremer, Georgia Restaurant Association

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting at 2:02 p.m. for another committee meeting.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0756S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-2. Voting yea were Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Dugan (30th) and Sen. Williams (27th). Sen. Jones (22nd) and Sen. Seay (34th) had the nay votes.

SB 6 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 422 (Sen. JaNice VanNess, 43rd) **Building and Housing; provide for legislative findings; unlawful for responsible agent of a vacant structure; neglected condition; shall constitute a public nuisance**

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. VanNess (43rd) to speak to the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Albers (56th) left the meeting at 2:15 p.m. for other committee meetings.

Speaking for the bill were:

DeKalb CEO Lee May

Ms. Kathleen Bowen, ACCG

Speaking against the bill was Mr. Keith Hatcher, Georgia Realtors.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. There were no questions. A vote was not taken.

SB 422 TABLED

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, March 7, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its eighth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

[HB 764](#) (Rep. Alan Powell, 32nd) Motor vehicles; drivers to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flash beacons

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Powell (32nd) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Ms. Cathy Woolard of Georgia Bikes.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1206S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) will be the Senate sponsor.
HB 764 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Jones, II (22nd) joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m., after the first vote.

[HB 767](#) (Rep. Powell, 32nd) Motor vehicles; add utility service vehicles to the "Spencer Pass Law"

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Powell (32nd) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill were:

Ms. Heather Teilhet, Georgia EMC, Georgia Power, MEAG, Electric Cities of Georgia, AGL Resources, AT&T, the Cable Association of Georgia, and IBEW Union.
Mr. Tony Tilley, CWA

An amendment was presented by Sen. Dugan (30th) to add the word “white” to line 16. Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS**; Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The amendment was unanimously accepted for the purpose of creating a new Committee substitute.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0786S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 767 DO PASS

HB 970 (Rep. Eddie Lumsden, 12th) Fire protection and safety; issuance of certificates of compliance for fire departments; revise requirements

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Lumsden (12th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Mr. Gordon Henderson, Executive Director, Georgia Firefighter Standards & Training Council. He said that the Georgia Firefighters and Chiefs also support this bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 0696)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 970 DO PASS

HB 806 (Rep. Kevin Tanner, 9th) Drivers' licenses; expiration of certain licenses and identification cards

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Tanner (9th) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1302S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Sen. Harper (7th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 806 DO PASS

HB 727 (Rep. Paul Battles, 15th) Fireworks; certain further regulations by counties and municipal corporations

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Battles (15th) to speak to the bill. A discussion followed.

Speaking for the bill was Mr. Rusi Patel, GMA.

Since this was to be a hearing only, no vote was taken.

HB 727 TABLED

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its ninth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Michael Williams (27th) was absent from this meeting because he was testifying in a House committee meeting.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

[HB 166](#) (Rep. John Yates, 73rd) Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Yates (73rd) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill were:

Mr. Wayne Overholt, ABATE of Georgia
Mr. Brian Clifford, ABATE of Georgia

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 0699S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 166 DO PASS

[HB 777](#) (Rep. Mike Dudgeon, 25th) School buses; drivers use cellular telephones in similar manner as a two-way radio

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Dudgeon (25th) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 33 6391S)**. Sen. Jones (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Chairman Harper (7th) will be the Senate sponsor.
HB 777 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

HB 228 (Rep. Jeff Jones, 167th) Sheriffs; collect and deposit certain fees

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Jones (167th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill were:

Ms. Debra Nesbit, ACCG

Mr. Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS (LC 29 6844S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0. Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 228 DO PASS

HB 1064 (Rep. Bill Hitchens, 161st) Public Safety, Department of; off-duty use of motor vehicles; revise provisions

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Hitchens (161st) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0793S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0. Chairman Harper (7th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 1064 DO PASS

HB 727 (Rep. Paul Battles, 15th) Fireworks; certain further regulations by counties and municipal corporations; provide

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Battles (15th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Mr. Justin Kirnon, GMA.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0800S)**. Sen. Jones (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0. Sen. Mullis (53rd) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 727 DO PASS

HB 736 (Rep. Alex Atwood, 179th) Special license plates; marine habitat conservation

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Atwood (179th) to speak to the bill.

An **amendment** to add “Soldiers Medal” to Section 1, line 38 was presented by Sen. Dugan (30th). Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS** the amendment; Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The amendment was **unanimously accepted** by the committee.

A **second amendment** proposed by Sen. David Shafer (48th) to add language to Section 2, after line 175, further specifying that the funds must only be used for reproductive sterilization. Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS** the second amendment; Sen. Jones (22nd) seconded the motion. The second amendment was **unanimously accepted** by the Committee.

Both of the accepted amendments were submitted for the purpose of creating a new Committee substitute for the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0804S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0. Sen. Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 736 DO PASS

HB 93 (Rep. John Pezold, 133rd) Motor vehicles; law enforcement retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems for certain period

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Pezold (133rd) to speak to the bill.

Mr. Thomas Weaver, speaking for himself, supported this bill.

An **amendment** was proposed to remove paragraph “f” regarding the Georgia Crime Information Center from the bill. Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS** the amendment; Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The amendment was **unanimously accepted** by the committee for the purpose of creating a new Committee substitute for the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if the Committee members had any questions. Having none, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0803S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0. Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 93 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, March 14, 2016

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its tenth and final meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

HB 375 (Rep. Jay Powell, 171st) Motor vehicles; driving with suspended, canceled, or revoked registration; change provisions relating to plea of nolo contendere

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Mr. Charles A. Spahos, Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia, to speak to the bill on behalf of Rep. Powell (171st)..

Speaking for the bill were:

Mr. Todd Hayes, Chief Assistant Solicitor, Cherokee County
Lt. Matt Meyers, Peachtree City Police Department
Mr. Harris Blackwood, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Mike Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver Services

Mr. Mitchell asked that the bill be **amended** to add an effective date of 1/1/17 to allow for programming changes and training for the DDS and court employees. Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS** for the **amendment**; Sen Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The amendment was **unanimously accepted** for the purpose of creating a new Committee substitute for the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Having no others, he asked for a motion.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0818S)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Chairman Harper (7th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 375 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

March 17, 2016

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 Public Safety Committee** during the 2016 Legislative Session:

[Senate Bill 46](#)
[Senate Bill 57](#)
[Senate Bill 67](#)
[Senate Bill 68](#)
[Senate Bill 70](#)
[Senate Bill 71](#)
[Senate Bill 73](#)
[Senate Bill 83](#)
[Senate Bill 192](#)
[Senate Bill 240](#)
[Senate Bill 268](#)
[Senate Bill 301](#)
[Senate Bill 303](#)
[Senate Bill 384](#)
[Senate Bill 407](#)
[Senate Bill 414](#)
[Senate Bill 415](#)
[Senate Bill 422](#)
[Senate Resolution 119](#)
[Senate Resolution 460](#)
[House Bill 114](#)
[House Bill 210](#)
[House Bill 730](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hauser
Senate Public Safety Committee
Recording Secretary

