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RULES
Senate Committee on Government Oversight
2017 - 2018 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. At the discretion of the Chairman and subsequent to the meeting in which the Rules are adopted, all amendments or substitute bills must be submitted to the Chairman at least 24 hours before adoption by the Committee.
8. If a Committee member moves on a House bill without a Senate sponsor, that Committee member will be listed as the senate sponsor of the bill.
9. 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.
10. The Secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these Rules to all members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee.
11. Anyone who wishes to record the proceedings of a meeting shall make the request of the Chairman, who will assign a location within the meeting room for the setup and operation of the recording equipment.
12. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
February 10, 2017

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met in Room 125 of the Capitol Building on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th), *Ex-Officio*

Chairman Heath, 31st, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman, arrived at 1:09 p.m.

Sen. Heath presented suggested 2017 Governmental Oversight Committee Rules to the Committee. Noted from the 2016 Rules is the addition of paragraph 7 and paragraph 11. Sen. Heath posited Committee adoption of the new Rules.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved to adopt the Rules. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. Governmental Oversight Rules for 2017 were unanimously adopted and appear on the preceding page of these Minutes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

February 24, 2017

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met in Room 125 of the Capitol Building on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th), *Ex-Officio*
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), *Ex-Officio*
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), *Ex-Officio*

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary, and Sen. Vincent Fort (39th) were absent.

Chairman Heath (31st) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

SR 105 (LC 34 5082S), Sen. Heath, 31st. United States Constitution; religious organizations receive public aid; prevent discrimination - CA

Sen. Heath (31st) presented his Committee substitute to the Committee. He noted the additions of lines 10 and 11 from the “as introduced” version of the bill, as well as lines 13 and 14. Sen. Heath (31st) noted two amendments submitted by Sen. Parent (42nd)--AM 34 0746 and AM 34 0747, which Sen. Parent (42nd) was not present to propose to the Committee.

Sen. Harbin (16th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE SR 105 (LC 34 5082S)**. Sen. Tillery (19th) seconded the motion. Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

SR105 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE with Sen. Harbin (16th), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Tillery (19th), and Sen. Brass (28th) voting yay.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary



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February 27, 2017

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Matt Brass to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Government Oversight Committee meeting on February 27, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,


Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

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Cc:
Senate Committee Chairman
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Mr. David Cook
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Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Blake Tillery to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Government Oversight Committee meeting on February 27, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,


Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

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Senate Committee Chairman
Fiscal Office
Appointee

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
March 13, 2017

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met in Room 125 of the Capitol Building on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Heath (31st), Chairman
Sen. Fort (39th)
Sen. Shafer (48th), *Ex-Officio*

Speaker:

Terry Norris – Georgia Sheriff Association

NOTE: The Chairman's duties were taken over by Vice-Chairman Harbin (16th), due to Chairman Heath's (31st) absence.

Sen. Harbin (16th), Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

HB 390 (LC 39 1571) by Rep. Setzler, 35th – Motor vehicles; assessment of no points and maximum fine for failure to obey traffic control device in certain instances; provide

Rep. Setzler (35th) presented his bill to Committee, explaining that the bill is in response to penalties for drivers who "roll" through stop signs. Rep. Setzler (35th) stated that the bill does not de-criminalize the act of rolling through stop signs, but instead eliminates the 3-point penalty on the driver who committed the violation, and caps the fine at \$100 for drivers who do not endanger the public.

Sen. Seay (34th) voiced concern over loosening the penalty for the violation of rolling through stop signs. Sen. Parent (42nd) echoed this concern, citing community endangerment and suggested the fine become larger than the proposed \$100.

Terry Norris, representing the Georgia Sheriff's Association, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Parent (42nd) proposed an amendment to the Committee, which seeks to increase the maximum fine from \$100 to \$200. Sen. Seay seconded the amendment. Amendment passes 2-0.

AM 1 DO PASS

Sen. Parent (42nd) moved that HB 390 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Sen. Seay seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

HB 390 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 1679S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Secretary

/s/ Jenny Guadalupe, Recording Secretary