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**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
January 24, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in the Senate Mezz at the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th) and Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked Sen. Tillery (19th) to say a word of prayer.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) and Sen. McKoon (29th) arrived at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) asked the members to introduce themselves and tell what district they represent.

Commissioner Pat Wilson from the Department of Economic Development gave a presentation to the Committee.

Chairman Dugan (30th) asked the members to look over the Rules for the Committee and asked for a motion to adopt. Sen. Lucas (26th) made a motion to adopt the Rules and Sen. McKoon (29th) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sen. Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Rules - 2017 – 2018

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 disagree(s) with the majority 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.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
JANUARY 31, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the Senate Mezz of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) (Arrived late)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (Arrived late, left early)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Sen. Brass (28th) to say a word of prayer.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

SB 2 (Sen. Dugan 30th, LC 28 8192) "The FAST Act - Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed"

Chairman Dugan (30th) introduced Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) to speak to the Committee about the legislation.

NOTE: Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) arrived at 2:13 p.m.

Commissioner Camila Knowles from the Department of Community Affairs and Roger Tutterow, Director of the Econometric Center at Kennesaw State University each gave a presentation about their Departments.

NOTE: Sen. Mullis (53rd) left at 2:20 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:27 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) left at 2:35 p.m. and returned at 2:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 2:55 p.m.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Thomas Weaver, private citizen

Nathan Humphrey with NFIB

Mark Woodall, Association of General Contractors

Michael Sullivan, American Council of Engineering

The following people spoke with no position:

Todd Edwards, Association of County Commissioners

Elizabeth Harwood, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Charlotte Davis, Georgia Municipal Association

Chairman Dugan (30th) told the Committee that a substitute to **SB 2** would be heard at the next meeting. This was a hearing only.

Sen. Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
February 7, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Senate Mezz of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary (Arrived late)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and asked Sen. McKoon (29th) to say a word of prayer.

SB 51 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Georgia Film and Television Trail; provisions; revise

Sen. Mullis (53rd) told Chairman Dugan that he would like to hold his bill for now.

SB 2 (Sen. Dugan 30th, LC 28 8192) "The FAST Act - Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed"

Chairman Dugan (30th) explained the changes that were made to the legislation and said that there would be no vote today, but he would hear testimony.

NOTE: Sen. Jones, II (22nd) arrived at 2:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (10th) arrived at 2:11 p.m.

D. A. King, a private citizen, spoke against the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) arrived at 2:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:28 p.m.

Those speaking for the bill were:

Austin Hackney, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Mark Woodall, Association of General Contractors

Nathan Humphrey, NFIB

James Touchton, Council for Quality Growth

Chairman Dugan (30th) thanked everyone for working together on this legislation and said that there would be a vote at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 14.

Sen. Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
February 14, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Senate Mezz of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

NOTE: Sen Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), Sen. Josh McKoon (29th), and Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and asked Sen. Brass (28th) to say a word of prayer.

SB 2 (Sen. Dugan 30th, LC 28 8192) "The FAST Act - Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed"

Chairman Dugan (30th) explained the changes to the substitute.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones, II (22nd) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Those speaking for the bill were:
John Poole, Georgia Paper & Forest Products
Todd Edwards, ACCG
David Raynor, Georgia Chamber
Marshall Guest, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Sen. Beach (21st) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SB 2 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0566S

Sen. Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
February 21, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Senate Mezz of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), and Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Sen. Brass (28th) to say a word of prayer

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

SB 67 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 28 8238ER) "Bring Small Businesses Back Georgia Regulatory Reform Act"

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that this would be hearing only.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Sen. Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Room 125 of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman (Arrived late)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) (Arrived late)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, and Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and asked Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) to say a word of prayer.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) and Sen. Tillery (19th) arrived at 2:08 p.m.

SB 195 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 34 5119) "Georgia Jobs First Act of 2017"

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that this meeting would be a hearing only.

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
MARCH 7, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in Room 125 of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), and Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked Sen. Brass (28th) to say a word of prayer.

Chairman Dugan (30th) said that Rep. Stephens (164th) asked that HB 354 not be heard today.

HB 87 (Rep. Raffensperger, 50th, LC 36 3107) Corporations, partnerships, and associations; multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; provide

Chairman Dugan (30th) told the Committee that the meeting would be for a hearing only.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Nathan Humphrey, NFIB, spoke in favor of the bill.

HB 470 (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, HB 470/CSFA) Economic Development, Department of; grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; create program

Jimmy McDonald, Liberty County Development Authority, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM
MARCH 14, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Room 125 of the Georgia State Capitol. The following Senators were in attendance:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) and Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) were absent.

Chairman Dugan (30th) called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and asked Sen. Rhett (33rd) to say a word of prayer.

HB 87 (Rep. Raffensperger, 50th, LC 36 3107) Corporations, partnerships, and associations; multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; provide

Christine Butcher from the State Bar spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. McKoon (29th) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 36 3382S)**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

HB 87 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 36 3382S

HB 470 (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, HB 470/CSFA) Economic Development, Department of; grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; create program

Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. McKoon (29th) seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

HB470 DO PASS

Chairman Dugan (30th) adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Betty Conner, Recording Secretary