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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, January 26, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its first meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, and Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, were absent.

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

The Committee Rules were presented, discussed, and voted on. Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS** and Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

Chairman Harper (7th) appointed two Subcommittees as follows:

Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Management:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

General Welfare and Safety:

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Chairman
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Harper (7th) introduced the senators new to the Public Safety Committee since the 2016 Session: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Chuck Payne (54th).

With no further administrative business to address, Chairman Harper (7th) announced that he would have various State Public Safety Agencies address the Committee members over the next several meetings to introduce themselves and provide updates on their on-going responsibilities. Those presenting at this meeting were:

Georgia Department of Public Safety
Georgia Sheriffs' Association
Georgia Chiefs of Police Association
Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Law Enforcement
Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

2017- 2018 Senate Committee on Public Safety Rules

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chairman may appoint Subcommittees and officers of Subcommittees and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may refer any matter to a Subcommittee. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.
5. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
6. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances dictate.
7. During Committee meetings, Committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to hearing.
9. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
10. The Chairman may present to the Committee a proposed change in these Rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these Rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chairman at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee. These Rules may only be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
11. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, January 31, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its second meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd), and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Chairman Harper (7th) announced that the meeting was to be a continuation of the presentations by various State Public Safety Agencies. Those presenting at this meeting were:

Georgia Department of Corrections
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles
Georgia Department of Community Supervision
Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, February 2, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its third meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

SB 18 (Sen. Tyler Harper, 7th) Georgia Public Safety Training Center; any member of security police force; retain his/her weapon and badge under certain conditions

Chairman Harper (7th) explained the substitute (LC 41 0916S) for SB 18 to the Committee members. He further explained that language from SB 80 (2017 session) would be amended to this substitute. The Committee agreed unanimously to add the amendment to the substitute, thereby creating a new substitute (LC 41 0976S).

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 0976S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

SB 18 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Harper (7th) made the following Subcommittee bill assignments:

Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Management:

SB 42
SB 90
SR 182

General Welfare and Safety:

SB 43
SB 84
SB 91

Chairman Harper (7th) announced that the rest of the meeting was to be a continuation of the presentations by various State Public Safety Agencies. Those presenting at this meeting were:
Georgia Department of Driver Services
Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council
Georgia Office of Emergency Medical Services/Trauma

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, February 7, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its fourth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Harper (7th) continued the State Agency Introductions and Updates as follows:
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Georgia Firefighter Standards & Training Council

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its fifth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

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

Chairman Harper (7th) assigned SR 182 to the Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Management Subcommittee.

SB 49 (Sen. Bill Heath, 31st) Carrying and Possession of Firearms; definition of a term; change provisions

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Heath (31st) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 29 7250)** and Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

SB 49 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived after the vote was taken.

Chairman Harper (7th) asked the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to give its presentation to the Committee members.

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, February 16, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its sixth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

SB 109 (Sen. Michael Williams, 27th) Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ("REPLICA"); provide for the enactment

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Williams (27th) to speak to SB 109.

Speaking for the bill were:

Keith Wages, State Office of EMS
Sue Prentiss, REPLICA
Nick Adams, Cobb County Fire/GAEMS

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 33 6755)** and Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 109 DO PASS

SB 154 (Sen. Greg Kirk, 13th) Assault and Battery; public safety officer while engaged in his or her official duties; provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) to speak to SB 154. A brief discussion followed. Since this was a **HEARING ONLY**, no vote was taken.

SB 155 (Sen. Greg Kirk, 13th) Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; create

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Kirk (13th) to speak to SB 155. A brief discussion followed. Since this was a **HEARING ONLY**, no vote was taken.

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) arrived at the meeting at 2:00 p.m.; Chairman Harper (7th) suspended the order of the agenda to allow Sen. Cowsert (46th) to present SB 1.

SB 1 (Sen. Bill Cowsert, 46th) "The Protect Act - Protecting Georgians Against Terrorism"; revise the definition of domestic terrorism

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Cowsert (46th) to speak to SB 1. He had a new substitute for the bill (LC 41 1040S) which he explained in detail to the Committee. A discussion followed.

Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf, explained his opposition to one part of the bill.

Since this was a **HEARING ONLY**, no vote was taken.

SB 160 (Sen. Harper, 7th) "Back the Badge Act of 2017"

Chairman Harper (7th) explained SB 160 to the Committee members.

The following people spoke against the bill:

Melissa Carter, Barton Child Law and Policy Center

Mazielynn Causey, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Marissa Dodson, Southern Center for Human Rights

Dr. Peter Ash, M.D., Forensic Psychiatrist, Emory

Polly McKinney, Voices for Georgia Children

Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf, made a suggestion for an addition to the bill.

Since this was a **HEARING ONLY**, no vote was taken.

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its seventh meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (Left early)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary (Left early)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Left early)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

SB 155 (Sen. Greg Kirk, 13th) Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; create

Chairman Harper (7th) called on Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) to speak to the bill. A brief discussion followed.

Those speaking for the bill were:

Sheriff Terry Deese, President, Georgia Sheriffs' Association
Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1068S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

SB 155 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 154 (Sen. Kirk, 13th) Assault and Battery; public safety officer while engaged in his or her official duties; provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery

Chairman Harper (7th) called on Sen. Kirk (13th) to speak to the bill. A brief discussion followed and a change was agreed upon.

Sen. Albers moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1073S)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 154 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 169 (Sen. Greg Kirk, 13th) Specialty License Plate; honoring law enforcement; establish

Chairman Harper (7th) called on Sen. Kirk (13th) to speak to the bill. A brief discussion followed and changes were agreed upon by the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left the meeting at 1:52 p.m. before the third vote was taken.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1072S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 169 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) and Sen. Payne (54th) left the meeting at 1:59 p.m. after the third vote was taken.

SB 160 (Sen. Tyler Harper, 7th) "Back the Badge Act of 2017"

Chairman Harper (7th) spoke to the bill. A brief discussion followed and changes were agreed upon by the Committee.

Those speaking for the bill were:

Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf

Andy Hester, Sheriff, Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Sen. Williams (27th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1069S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

SB 160 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, February 23, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its eighth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (Left early)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (Left early)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman Harper (7th) made the following bill assignments:

SB 163 - Subcommittee on Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Management

SB 171 - Subcommittee on General Welfare and Safety

SB 1 (Sen. Bill Cowsert, 46th) "The Protect Act - Protecting Georgians Against Terrorism"; revise the definition of domestic terrorism

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Sen. Cowsert (46th) to speak to the substitute for SB 1 (LC 41 1040S). A discussion followed and some changes were agreed upon by the Committee members.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) left the meeting at 2:02 p.m. before the first vote.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1092S)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2; Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Anderson (43rd) had the "nay" votes.

SB 1 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) left the meeting at 2:17 p.m. after the first vote.

SB 217 (Sen. Jesse Stone, 23rd) Municipal Probation Officer; exercise of power of arrest and a Georgia Peace Officer Standards Training Council certification; revise the authority

Chairman Harper (7th) called on Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) to speak to the bill, which was requested by the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 1045)**; Sen. Jones, II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

SB 217 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Monday, February 27, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its ninth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

SB 161 (Sen. Frank Ginn, 47th) Drivers' Licenses; form of all drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to applicants who are US citizens; require horizontal orientations

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Senator Ginn (47th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking against the bill was David Schaefer of the Latin American Association.

Asking questions, but not indicating his position on the bill was D. A. King, a citizen speaking on his own behalf.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 1003)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-3. Sen. Jones, II (22nd), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Seay (34th) had the “nay” votes.

SB 161 DO PASS

SB 99 (Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd) Georgia Crime Information Center; purging a person's hospitalization information for purpose of National Instant Criminal Background Check; provide for a judicial procedure

Chairman Harper (7th) asked Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) to speak to the as introduced version of SB 99.

Chairman Harper (7th) spoke to the substitute for SB 99 (LC 41 1109S).

Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf, was neutral on SB 99, although he hadn't seen the new substitute.

Mr. Chuck Spahos, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, spoke against the bill.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1109S)** and Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

SB 99 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its tenth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary (Left early)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) and Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

HB 58 (Rep. Terry Rogers, 10th) Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update

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

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1457)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Chairman Harper (7th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 58 DO PASS

HB 38 (Rep. Alan Powell, 32nd) Motor vehicles; issuance of a noncommercial Class C and Class M driver's license; provide

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

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1451)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Sen. Williams (27th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 38 DO PASS

HB 149 (Rep. Alan Powell, 32nd) Law enforcement; comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services; provisions

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

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (HB149/CSFA)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Chairman Harper (7th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 149 DO PASS.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived after the vote was taken for HB 149 and Sen. Dugan (30th) left after.

HB 136 (Rep. Amy Carter, 175th) Drivers' licenses; demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card; provide

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Amy Carter (175th) to speak to the substitute for HB 136 (LC 39 1648S). A brief discussion followed.

Thomas Weaver, a citizen speaking on his own behalf, was against HB 136.

Chairman Harper (7th) decided to **TABLE** the bill until the next meeting on March 9 to allow it to be perfected.

HB 136 TABLED

HB 405 (Rep. Bill Hitchens, 161st) Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; establish state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency; require

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

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 1059S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Sen. Ben Watson (1st) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 405 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, March 9, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its eleventh meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

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

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

HB 136 (Rep. Amy Carter, 175th) Drivers' licenses; demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card; provide

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Amy Carter (175th) to speak to the substitute for HB 136 (LC 39 1648S). A brief discussion followed and an additional change was suggested and approved by the Committee members.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1151S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Chairman Harper (7th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 136 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) and Sen. Hill (6th) arrived after the vote.

Chairman Harper (7th) welcomed Rob Mikell, Director of Business Development for Government Mobile Solutions, MorphoTrust USA, who gave a presentation on Mobile Driver's Licenses. A discussion followed.

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its twelfth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman (Arrived late)
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (Left early)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary (Left early)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (Left early)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio (Left early)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Left early)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

HB 412 (Rep. Timothy Barr, 103rd) Motor vehicles; certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain vehicles; provide for electronic submission

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) called upon Rep. Timothy Barr (103rd) to speak to the bill.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1616ERS)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 412 DO PASS

NOTE: Chairman Harper (7th) and Sen. Jones, II (22nd) arrived at 1:13 p.m., after the first vote was taken.

HB 320 (Rep. Bill Hitchens, 161st) Motor vehicles; installation or reinstatement of object in lieu of air bag; change provisions

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

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS (LC 41 1082S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9-0. Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 320 DO PASS

HB 452 (Rep. Jesse Petrea, 166th) Georgia Bureau of Investigation; publicly post certain information to extent permitted by federal law; require

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th) to speak to the bill. A brief discussion followed and some changes were agreed upon by the Committee members.

NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) and Sen. Dugan (30th) left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Speaking for the bill were:

Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriffs' Association
D. A. King, the Dustin Inman Society

Speaking against the bill were:

David Schaefer, Latin American Association
Maria Palacios, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials
Aisha Yaqoob, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Atlanta
Omar Shekhey, a citizen speaking on her own behalf
Gisela Arriola, a citizen speaking on her own behalf
Cherilyn Munoz, a citizen speaking on her own behalf
Sarah Owens, an immigration lawyer

Sen. Hill (6th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1162S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-3. Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones, II (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) had the "nay" votes. Sen. Hill (6th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 452 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Hill (6th), and Sen. Payne (54th) left the meeting after the vote on HB 452.

HB 234 (Rep. Spencer Frye, 118th) Motor vehicles; drivers stop at crosswalks with user activated rectangular rapid-flash beacons; require

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Spencer Frye (118th) to speak to the bill.

Speaking for the bill was Sally Flocks, CEO of Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety (PEDS); however, she suggested some changes to the bill.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) moved **DO PASS (LC 39 1492)**. Sen. Jones, II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 234 DO PASS

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Thursday, March 16, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its thirteenth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary (Arrived late)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

HB 251 (Rep. Darrel Bush Ealum, 153rd) Emergency management; personnel go on private property as necessary to perform duties during a state of emergency; authorize

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Darrel Ealum (153rd) to speak to the bill.

Sen. Seay (34th) moved **DO PASS (LC 40 1463ERS)** and Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 251 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) arrived after the vote.

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Clay Whitehead of Motorola to give a presentation on Statewide Radio Communications to the Committee. A brief discussion followed.

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

The Senate Committee on Public Safety held its fourteenth meeting of the 2017 Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Harper (7th) called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

HB 253 (Rep. Wendell Willard, 51st) Special license plates; dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program; increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Wendell Willard (51st) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) presented a substitute (LC 41 1178S), asked for by the Georgia Department of Revenue, to the Committee.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1178S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Sen. Payne (54th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 253 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 474 (Rep. Carolyn Hugley, 136th) Driver Services, Department of; drivers' manual include best practices during traffic stop by law enforcement; require

Chairman Harper (7th) spoke to the substitute for HB 474 (LC 41 1185ERS).

Phil Howard, President of Tow and Recovery Association of Georgia (TRAG), spoke in favor of HB 474.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1185ERS)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Chairman Harper (7th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 474 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at the meeting after the second vote at 1:21 p.m.

HB 419 (Rep. Deborah Silcox, 52nd) Fireworks; certain counties further regulate use or ignition; enable authority

Chairman Harper (7th) called upon Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd) to speak to the bill.

Chairman Harper (7th) presented a substitute (LC 41 1184S) to the Committee. A lengthy discussion followed and changes were agreed upon by the Committee members.

Justin Kirnon, of Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), was for the original bill but agreed that changes were needed for the substitute.

Todd Edwards of ACCG was for the original bill, but had no position on the substitute.

Sen. Dugan (30th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1187S)**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The vote was 4-4; and, therefore, Chairman Harper (7th) voted to break the tie. The motion passed with a final vote of 5-4.

The “yea” votes were Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Williams (27th), and Chairman Harper (7th). The “nay” votes were Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Albers (56th). Chairman Harper (7th) is the Senate sponsor.

HB 419 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 116 (Rep. Bert Reeves, 34th) Juvenile Code; provide superior court with exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving aggravated assault; provisions

Chairman Harper (7th) spoke to the bill on behalf of Rep. Bert Reeves (34th), since he was ill and not present at the meeting. He also presented a substitute (LC 29 7596S) for the bill.

Sen. Albers (56th) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 29 7596S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

HB 116 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Having no further business, Chairman Harper (7th) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Diana Hauser, Recording Secretary

March 27, 2017

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 2017 Legislative Session:

Senate Bill 42

Senate Bill 43

Senate Bill 84

Senate Bill 90

Senate Bill 91

Senate Bill 163

Senate Bill 171

Senate Bill 228

Senate Bill 237

Senate Bill 254

Senate Resolution 182

House Bill 258

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hauser
Senate Public Safety Committee
Recording Secretary

