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## **RULES OF THE 2018 SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS**

- 1.** All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rules [1-5-1].
- 2.** The quorum for the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs shall be five (5) members.
- 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 shall have the sole 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. All actions of any Subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
- 5.** The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
- 6.** Any member or members of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a Minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
- 7.** These Rules may be amended or waived upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
- 8.** A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after a presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
- 9.** When these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS  
FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs was held at 2:00 p.m. on February 7, 2018 in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following members were present:

Sen. Lester G. Jackson, III (2nd), Chairman  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary  
Sen. Davis Lucas (26th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)  
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

Chairman Jackson (2nd) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gail Davenport (44th) was absent.

Chairman Jackson (2nd) read the Committee Rules and asked for questions. There being none, he asked for a motion to adopt. Sen. Butler (55th) made the motion to adopt the Committee Rules and Sen. Tate (38th) seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

**SB 356 (Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 21 5906) - A bill to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, so as to change the membership of the commission; to provide for the design and placement of a memorial to the Holocaust; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.**

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the committee. She stated under current law, the Speaker and the Senate President each appoint one member from their respective Chamber as advisers to the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. This legislation repeals the advisory role for these legislators and instead requires the Speaker and the Senate President to appoint one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party of each Chamber to the Holocaust Commission. This legislation also directs the Holocaust Commission to design, procure and place a prominent location a Georgia Holocaust Memorial to recognize and commemorate the millions of people, including six million Jews, murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators before and during World War II. This project is subject to the availability of private funds for such purpose.

Sen. Lucas (26th) made a motion that **SB 356 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 0735S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 356 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 0735S)**

Chairman Jackson (2nd) relinquished the Chair to Sen. Henson (41st)

**SR 685 (Sen. Lester Jackson, 2nd, (LC 41 1337) - A resolution renaming the bed of tidewater on the Georgia coast known as "Runaway Negro Creek" to "Freedom Creek"; and for other purposes.**

Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the resolution to the committee. He stated SR 685 changes the name of Runaway Negro Creek to Freedom Creek because it is culturally insensitive. He also stated that a Town Hall meeting was held in Savannah in August, 2017 and the majority of participants agreed upon the name change.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that **SR 685 Do Pass (LC 41 1337)**. Sen. Lucas (26<sup>th</sup>) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SR 685 DO PASS (LC 41 1337)**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jackson (2nd) at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary

/s/ Audrey Lee, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs was held at 2:00 p.m. on February 21, 2018 in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following members were present:

Sen. Lester G. Jackson, III (2nd), Chairman  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)  
Sen. Davis Lucas (26th)  
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)  
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

Chairman Jackson (2nd) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) were absent.

Chairman Jackson (2nd) relinquished the Chair to Sen. Henson (41st)

**SB 411 by (Sen. Lester Jackson, 2nd, LC 43 0766) –A bill relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Georgia Commission on African American History and Culture**

Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the bill to the committee. He stated the bill is an effort to study and promote African History and Culture in Georgia. He further stated the primary objective of the Commission will be to cultivate, present, interpret and promote the history and culture of African Americans in Georgia through museum collections. Collections, exhibitions, educational programs and research. Sen. Jackson (2nd) also stated that the museum would serve as a clearinghouse for information and insight about African Americans in Georgia and the nation through collaboration with other Georgia based entities. The Commission would be comprised of 20 members Appointed on or before August 1, 2018 by the Governor, the Speaker, the Senate President and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus to staggered terms.

Sen. Lucas (26th) made a motion that **SB 411 Do Pass (LC 43 0766)**. Sen. Tate (38th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 411 DO PASS (LC 43 0766)**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jackson (2nd) at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lester G. Jackson, III, (2nd), Chairman

/s/ Audrey Lee, Recording Secretary