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SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND PROPERTY
2018 RULES

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. A bill or resolution will be considered only after notification of the principal author or others who he/she may designate. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
4. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the Senate the final five (5) days of the session, except upon written petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the Committee.
5. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee Rules.
6. These Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the members 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 disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. Subcommittees shall have the authority to consider measures assigned to them and to make recommendations thereon to the full Committee, but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by full Committee.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND
PROPERTY
February 13, 2018**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Properties met on February 13, 2018 in Room 450 of the Capitol.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Chairman Harbison (15th) called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

The Rules of the Committee were read among the members and remained the same as the previous year. They appear on the previous page.

Senator Davenport (44th) arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Chairman Harbison (15th) opened the meeting by welcoming guests and letting them know that **SR537** was on the agenda.

SR 537 - (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1864S), State Property; unauthorized vehicular traffic; provide closure

Sen. Beach (21st), presented his bill to the Committee. This bill will close Mitchell Street to all unauthorized vehicular traffic, from Washington Street to Capitol Avenue.

Sen. Beach (21st) gave these reasons for the resolution:

- Of the 39 recommendations made by the 2005 Homeland Security report, this is the only one that has not been implemented;
- The March 23, 2017 terrorist attack at the United Kingdom's Parliament, where a vehicular attack killed four people and injured more than 50 others;
- Mitchell Street acts as the main corridor between the Capitol Building, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, and the Judicial Building, and presents a dangerous opportunity for an act of terrorism;
- The 2016 Homeland Security report again listed the closure of Mitchell Street within Capitol Square as the number one safety priority;

Sen. Beach (21st) informed the committee that pillars would still be in place with security so that the Governor and staff could still park on the street. The Georgia Department of Transportation will also be making improvements to the roads around the Capitol for

easier access. He has been in touch with the City and asked to strike the word State from line 1 and line 32 of the bill.

Sen. Henson (41st) raised concern that neither the City of Atlanta, nor a map to view was at the meeting. Sen. Tillery (19th) also raised concern suggesting only closing the portion of the street during session.

With further discussion from the Chairman and members, it was decided to not have a vote on the bill and to have another meeting with the City of Atlanta and the Mayor's office present to discuss further details.

Sen. Henson (41st) moved to strike the word "State" on lines 1 and 32 of the bill. The motion was seconded by Sen. Payne (54th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Harbison (15th) adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman

/s/ Cyndi West, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND
PROPERTY
February 20, 2018**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Properties met on February 20, 2018 in Room 450 of the Capitol at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)

Chairman Harbison called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Harbison opened the meeting by welcoming guests, letting them know that **SR 537** is on the agenda.

SR 537 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1864S) State Property; unauthorized vehicular traffic; provide closure

As a follow up to the meeting on February 13th, Sen. Beach (21st) spoke once again on **SR 537**. As requested from the Chairman, Sen. Beach (21st) brought documents to support the resolution. Sen. Beach read a copy of the letter from Mayor Bottoms to Governor Deal requesting the area from Washington Street to Capitol Avenue be closed starting Feb. 19th through April 1st. **SR 537** would allow for the street to be permanently closed.

Sen. Beach (21st) provided a road and pedestrian map that showed how traffic will flow. The map also showed that a road will be built coming directly off the expressway into the parking deck. This road is already planned and funded through the Georgia Department of Transportation. They will begin the project right after session and it will be open by next year. A left turn lane will also be added on Trinity.

Mr. Josh Waller with the Georgia Department of Transportation spoke in support of the resolution.

Chairman Harbison (15th) stated he was concerned about handicapped visitors. Sen. Beach (21st) stated he would certainly address that with Georgia Building Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Ms. Christy Sanders from the Georgia Building Authority spoke in favor of the bill. She stated that the bridge connecting the Sloppy Floyd Building and the parking deck would

come down. She also addressed questions from the Committee on how the traffic would flow coming from the South.

Sen. Davenport (44th) moved that the committee recommend that **SR 537 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 1864S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Payne (54th). The motion passed unanimously.

SR 537 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 1864S)

There being no other business, Chairman Harbison (15th) adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman

/s/ Cyndi West, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND
PROPERTY
March 6, 2018**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Properties met on March 6, 2018 in Room 125 of the Capitol at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Steve Henson (41st)

Chairman Harbison called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Chairman Harbison (15th) opened the meeting by welcoming guests, letting them know that **HR 1090** and **HR 1104** were on the agenda.

[HR 1090](#) - (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 28 8689ER) Jeff Davis County; Crisp County; change of use of certain property; authorize

Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) introduced **HR 1090**, stating this resolution authorizes the widening of State Route 135/US Route 221 and State Route 30/US Route 280, on property dedicated by the state as a heritage preserve. This is accomplished by allowing for the grant of a revocable license agreement and easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation on this property, for the purpose of widening.

With no further questions, Sen. Tillery (19th) moved that the Committee recommend that **HR 1090 Do Pass (LC 28 8689ER)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Payne (54th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

HR 1090 Do Pass (LC 28 8689ER)

[HR 1104](#) (Rep. Greene, 151st, LC 44 0865S) Property; granting of non-exclusive easements; authorize

Rep. Gerald E. Greene (151st) introduced **HR 1104**, stating this was the annual easement resolution. This resolution will authorize the grant of non-exclusive easements in state-owned property located in Bartow, Bulloch, Butts, Chatham, Clay, Columbia, Emanuel, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Harris, Henry, Liberty, Macon, Montgomery, Murray, Tattnall, Towns, and White Counties. These easements will be used for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and any ingress and egress within property owned by the state.

This resolution describes, in detail, the property being affected, the easement being authorized, the intended recipient of the easement, and various terms for each easement.

Ms. Alisa Pereira from the State Properties Commission spoke in favor of the resolution and took time to explain the easements.

The properties affected by this resolution are located in Senate Districts 1 , 2, 4, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 36, 38, 44, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 54.

The substitute added 4 easements to the resolution: DeKalb County, Fulton County, Hall County and Richmond County. Each senator from the affected areas received a copy of the synopsis and is aware.

With no further questions, Sen. Strickland (17th) moved that the Committee recommend that **HR 1104 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 0865S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Davenport (44th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

HR 1104 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 0865S)

There being no other business, Chairman Harbison (15th) adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Cyndi West, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND
PROPERTY
March 13, 2018**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Properties met on March 13, 2018 in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

Chairman Harbison (15th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Chairman Harbison opened the meeting by welcoming guests, letting them know that **HR 1103** was on the agenda.

HR 1103 (Rep. Greene, 151st, LC 44 0896S) Property; conveyance of certain state owned real property; authorize

Rep. Gerald E. Greene (151st) introduced **HR 1103**, stating it is the annual resolution dealing with conveyances. It authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real property in Baldwin, Bryan, Chatham, Dougherty, Fulton, Hall, Jackson, Putnam, Rabun, Rockdale, and White Counties. It also authorizes the ground lease of state-owned property in Cherokee, Fulton, and Muscogee Counties. This resolution gives a detailed description of each property being sold or leased.

Mr. Frank Smith with the State Properties Commission spoke in support of the resolution and explained the substitute and the two added conveyances. Each senator from the affected area received a copy of the synopsis and is aware. The two added conveyances are in Fulton County and Jackson County. He also explained how the air and ground rights work within the State.

With no further questions, Sen. Strickland (17th) moved that the Committee recommend that **HR 1103 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 0896S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Davenport (44th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

HR 1103 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 0896S)

There being no other business, Chairman Harbison (15th) adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Secretary

/s/ Cyndi West, Recording Secretary