

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**2017 -2018 Rules**

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered. At the discretion of the chair, the order may change or be omitted.
3. The Chair shall appoint Subcommittees with their appropriate Subcommittee Chairs.
4. The Chair shall have the 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 with a report.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put up all questions, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
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 if they so desire within twenty-four (24) hours of said vote.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after a presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or the Chair 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.
8. Substitutes and amendments shall be provided to the Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The Chair reserves the right to delay action on any substitute or amendment not provided in advance.
9. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**January 30, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Arrived late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. David Shafer (48th), and Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Unterman (45th) presented the Committee Rules. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion to adopt the committee rules as presented. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0 and the Rules of the Committee were adopted. A copy of the Rules is attached.

Chairman Unterman (45th) then presented the Subcommittee assignments for the newest member Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd). Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) was assigned to the following subcommittees: Technology and Education, Health Care Delivery, and Pharmacology.

**[SB 31](#) (Sen. Josh McKoon, 29th, LC 37 2265) State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council**

Sen. McKoon (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion to **Amend SB 31**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion that **SB 31 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2526S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 31 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2526S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Dennis W. Ashley, Chair of the Georgia Trauma Commission gave a formal report to the Committee regarding the annual report of the Georgia Trauma System.

Lauren Koontz, Vice President of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta and Carie Bugos, Executive Director of the Georgia Alliance of YMCAs gave a formal report to the Committee regarding upcoming initiatives and key factors within the YMCA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

February 1, 2018

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) (*Left early*)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary, and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**[SB 357](#) (Sen. Dean Burke, 11th, LC 37 2490) “Health Act” Health Coordination and Innovation Council of the State of Georgia; create**

Sen. Burke (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:18 p.m.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Tim Kibler, Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Sen. Cowsert (46th) made a motion that **SB 357 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2529S)**.  
Sen. Ligon (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 357 DO PASS BY SUBSTIUTE (LC 37 2529S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Henson (41st) arrived at 1:23 p.m.

**SB 352 (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2499) Health; general provisions; patient brokering; prohibit; Commission on Substance Abuse and Recovery; establish; fraudulent insurance act; provide**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Deb Bailey of the Northeast Georgia Health System

Tim Kibler of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Neil Campbell of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

Jewell Gooding of Mental Health America of Georgia

**NOTE:** Sen. Kirk (13th) left at 1:54 p.m.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **SB 352 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2531S)**.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 352 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2531S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
February 6, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. William Ligon (3rd), Sen. David Shafer (48th), and Sen. Ben Watson (1st) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**[SB 364](#) (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 33 7158) Delegation of Authority to Physician Assistants; higher supervisory ratio; completed a board approve anesthesiologist assistant program; authorize**

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Jeremy Betts, Georgia Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants  
Jet Toney, Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion that **SB 364 Do Pass (LC 33 7158)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 364 DO PASS (LC 33 7158)**

**[SB 370](#) (Sen. John Wilkinson, 50th, LC 37 2515) Medical Assistance; commissioner of human services waives thee first \$25,000 of any estate; provide**

Sen. Wilkinson (50th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion to amend to amend the bill. Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion that **SB 370 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2547S)** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 370 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2547S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
February 13, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**[SB 351](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2481) Nurses; advanced nursing practice; provisions; revise**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to committee.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Dr. Lianne Beck, Georgia Academy of Family Physicians  
Dr. Carmen Ravali, Medical Association of Georgia  
Dr. Tanda Lane, Certified Dermatologist  
Rick Ward, Georgia Chapter of the American Academic of Pediatrics  
Jet Toney, Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists  
Dr. Mark Bernardy, Georgia Radiological Society

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Suzanne Staebler, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner  
Dr. Michelle Nelson, United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia  
Jaime McGhin, Rural Provider  
Bruce Bailey, Rural Provider

Kate Dirks, Rural Provider  
Lynn Brown , Rural Provider  
Dr. Lucy Marion, Augusta University

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**February 15, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**[SB 334](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2474) Nurses; administrative purposes only; Georgia Board of Nursing to Department of Community Health; transfer**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Janice Izlar, President of the Georgia Board of Nursing  
Brenda Rowe, Immediate Past President of the Georgia Board of Nursing  
Tracey Blalock, Member of the Georgia Board of Nursing  
Linda Streit, Georgia Nursing Deans and Directors  
Barry Cranfill, President of the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Molly Bachtel, Chair of Georgia Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses  
Dr. Desiree Clement, American College of Nurse Midwives of Georgia  
Ashley Blackmon, Vice President of United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses  
Deb Bailey, Northeast Georgia Health System  
Iris Hamilton, Georgia Nurses Association  
Jet Toney, Georgia Society Anesthesiologists

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:  
Jessica Simmons, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State  
Russell Lewis, Chief Investigator for the Secretary of State

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that **SB 334 Do Pass (LC 37 2474)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 334 DO PASS (LC 37 2474)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**February 20, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. David Shafer (48th) was absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

**[SB 351](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2481) Nurses; advanced nursing practice; provisions; revise**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion that **SB 351 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2610S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-1 with Sen. Kirkpatrick voting in opposition.

**SB 351 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2610S)**

**[SB 434](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2560ER) Georgia Board for Physician Workforce; Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; change the name**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion that **SB 434 Do Pass (LC 37 2560ER)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 434 DO PASS (LC 37 2560ER)**

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 1:45 p.m.

**SB 422** (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2572ER) **Clinical laboratories; exempting pharmacists from provisions of said chapter when performing certain tests; provisions; change**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Greg Reybold, Georgia Pharmacy Association

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion that **SB 422 Do Pass (LC 37 2572ER)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 422 DO PASS (LC 37 2572ER)**

**SB 420** (Sen. Michael Rhett, 33rd, LC 37 2574) **Health; health clubs have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at such facility; require**

Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to **Amend SB 420** and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion that **SB 420 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2617S)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 420 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2617S)**

**SB 359** (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 37 2501ER) **"Consumer Coverage and Protection for Out-of-Network Medical Care Act"**

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Derek Norton, Medical Association of Georgia

Chuck Freedman, Georgia State Retirees Association

Jet Toney, Georgia Society Anesthesiologists

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion that **SB 359 Do Pass (LC 37 2501ER)**. Sen. Henson (41st) seconded the motion. There was further discussion on the bill and the vote was then

postponed. The Chairman decided to call the bill back to committee at the following meeting so that the author may continue to work on the bill.

**No further action was taken.**

**NOTE:** Sen. Henson (41st) and Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 2:20 p.m.

**[SB 325](#) (Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 33 7095) "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act"; Georgia Composite Medical Board to administer the compact in this state; authorize**

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that **SB 325 Do Pass (LC 33 7095)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 325 DO PASS (LC 33 7095)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**February 22, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. David Shafer (48th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary, Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**[SB 382](#) (Sen. P.K. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7237-EC) **Optometrists guidance and consultation by the Department of Public Health; provide****

Sen. Martin (9th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Aubrey Villines, Georgia Optometrists Association

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion that **SB 382 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2614-ECS)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 382 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2614-ECS)**

**[SB 444](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman, 45th, LC 37 2584ER) **Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Advisory Council; create****

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:  
Commissioner Robyn Crittenden, Department of Human Services  
Kathy Simpson, Alzheimer's Association

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion that **SB 444 Do Pass (LC 37 2584ER)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 444 DO PASS (LC 37 2584ER)**

**SB 359** (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 37 2501ER) "Consumer Coverage and Protection for Out-of-Network Medical Care Act"

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Shafer (48th) arrived at 1:24 p.m. and Sen. Ligon (3rd) left at 1:25 p.m.

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:  
Graham Thompson, Georgia Association of Health Plans  
Allan Hayes, America's Health Insurance Plans

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion that **SB 359 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2625ERS)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 359 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2625ERS)**

**SB 318** (Sen. Michael Rhett, 33rd, LC 37 2470) **Mental Health; involuntary evaluation and treatment based on consultation with paramedic; execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination; provide**

Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

**SR 761** (Sen. Fran Millar, 40th, LC 21 5940) **Senate Study Committee on Dyslexia; create**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowser (46th) arrived at 1:35 p.m. and Sen. Burke (11th) left at 1:36 p.m.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that **SR 761 Do Pass**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SR 761 DO PASS (LC 21 5940)**

**SB 437** (Sen. Chuck Payne, 54th LC 37 2543) Resuscitate; parental requirement for consent; revise

Sen. Payne (54th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:  
Johnny Chriss, Family Policy Alliance of Georgia,

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion to **Amend SB 437**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SB 437 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2627S)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 437 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2627S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**February 23, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), Sen. David Shafer (48th), and Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

**[SR 772](#) (Sen. Bruce Thompson, 14th, LC 37 2626S) Joint Study Committee on Retrospective Emergency Room Policies; create**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Derek Norton, Medical Association of Georgia  
Tim Kibler, Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Sen. Ligon (3rd) made a motion that **SR 772 Do Pass (LC 37 2626S)**. Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-1 with Sen. Kirkpatrick voting in opposition.

**SR 772 DO PASS (LC 37 2626S)**

**[SR 865](#) (Sen. Fran Millar, 40th, LC 116 0262) State of Georgia Council on Respiratory Health Promotion; support creation**

Sen. Millar (40th) presented the resolution to the committee.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion that **SR 865 Do Pass (LC 116 0262)**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SR 865 DO PASS (LC 116 0262)**

**SB 318** (Sen. Rhett, 33rd, LC 37 2470) **Mental Health; involuntary evaluation and treatment based on consultation with paramedic; execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination; provide**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SB 318 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2629S)**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 318 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2629S)**

**SB 459** (Sen. Matt Brass, 28th, LC 37 2611ER) **"Rural Hospital Infusion Plan (RHIP) Act"**

Sen. Brass (28th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Ray Williams, Cancer Treatment Centers of America  
Victor Moldovan, McGuire Woods

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ethan James, Georgia Hospital Association  
Tim Kibler, Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

## **MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**March 6, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd) and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **[HB 909](#) (Rep. Deborah Silcox, 52nd, LC 33 7307) Health; designation of perinatal facilities; provisions**

Rep. Silcox (52nd) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Katie Kopp, Georgia Department of Health

Elise Blasingme, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

### **[HB 305](#) (Rep. Beth Beskin, 54th, LC 41 0980) Domestic relations; category of third parties who may be awarded custody in certain circumstances; add stepparents**

Rep. Beskin (54th) presented the bill to the committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken**

**[HB 513](#) (Rep. Pam Dickerson, 113th, LC 33 7372S) Domestic relations; signs to be posted at certain medical facilities where a newborn child may be left; provide**

Rep. Dickerson (113th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:  
Anna Adams, Georgia Hospital Association

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

**[HB 161](#) (Rep. Betty Price, 48th, LC 33 7333S) Drug related objects; employees of harm reduction organizations are not subject to certain offenses; provide**

Rep. Price (48th) presented the bill to the committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 8, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman (*left early*)  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary (*left early*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio (*left early*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th) (*left early*)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**[HB 769](#) (Rep. Rick Jasperse, 11th, HB 769/CSFA) Health; recommendations from the House Rural Development Council; implement**

Rep. Jasperse (11th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left at 1:20 p.m.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:  
Ethan James, Georgia Hospital Association

**NOTE:** Sen. Henson (41st) left at 1:30 p.m.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **HB 769 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 7399S)**.  
Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 769 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7399S)**

**[HB 844](#) Rep. Penny Houston, 170th, LC 45 0095ERS) Georgia Commission on Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons; revise provisions**

Rep. Houston (170th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler returned at 1:35 p.m. and Sen. Burke (11th) left at 1:36 p.m.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion that **HB 844 Do Pass (LC 45 0095ERS)**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 844 DO PASS (LC 45 0095ERS)**

**[HB 909](#) (Rep. Deborah Silcox, 52nd, LC 33 7307) Health; designation of perinatal facilities; provisions**

Rep. Silcox (52nd) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion that **HB 909 Do Pass (LC 33 7307)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 909 DO PASS (LC 33 7307)**

**[HB 513](#) (Rep. Pam Dickerson, 113th, LC 33 7372S) Domestic relations; signs to be posted at certain medical facilities where a newborn child may be left; provide**

Rep. Dickerson (113th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that **HB 513 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2648S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 513 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2648S)**

**[HB 305](#) (Rep. Beth Beskin, 54th, LC 41 0980) Domestic relations; category of third parties who may be awarded custody in certain circumstances; add stepparents**

Rep. Beskin (54th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **HB 305 Do Pass (LC 41 0980)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 305 DO PASS (LC 41 0980)**

**HB 920 (Rep. Katie Dempsey, 13th, LC 29 7884) Domestic relations; department's information concerning the parties to an adoption under certain circumstances; allow for the use**

Rep. Dempsey (13th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion that **HB 920 Do Pass (LC 29 7884)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 920 DO PASS (LC 29 7884)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Millar (40th), Secretary, Sen. Kirk (13th), and Sen. Ligon (3rd) left at 1:50 p.m.

**SB 53 (Sen. Valencia Seay, 34th, LC 37 2251) Handicapped Persons; adult changing stations in certain commercial public facilities; provide installation and maintenance**

Sen. Seay (34th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Candace Aaron, Changing Spaces

LaKisha Smith, Changing Spaces

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 13, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary (*left early*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**HB 701 (Rep. Kevin Tanner, 9th, LC 29 7776S) State employment; drug testing; allow testing for all forms of opioids**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Rebecca Sullivan, Georgia Department of Administrative Services

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **HB 701 Do Pass (LC 29 7776S)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 701 DO PASS (LC 29 7776S)**

**HB 927 (Rep. Chad Nimmer, 178th, LC 29 7942S) Courts; certain information be provided to caregiver upon placement of a child; require**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Aubrey Villines of the Georgia Optometrists Association

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that **HB 927 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2640S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 927 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2640S)**

**SR 983** (Sen. Matt Brass, 28th, LC 28 8836) **Joint Study Committee on Low THC Medical Oil Access; create**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

**HB 972** (Rep. Wendell Willard, 51st, LC 29 7992ERS) **Human Services, Department of; Division of Family and Children Services to offer extended care youth services under certain circumstances; allow**

Rep. Willard (51st) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Ashley Fielding, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

Lamar Smith, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

**NOTE:** Sen. Millar (40th), Secretary, left at 1:50 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left at 1:57 p.m.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion that **HB 972 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2661S)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 972 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2661S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 14, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**[HB 982](#) (Rep. Chad Nimmer, 178th, LC 29 7935) Courts; relative searches conducted by DFCS; change provisions**

Rep. Nimmer (178th) presented the bill the committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion that **HB 982 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 29 8056S)**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 982 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 29 8056S)**

**[HB 782](#) (Rep. Trey Rhodes, 120th, LC 33 7182-EC) Crimes and offenses; provisions relating to permissible users with access to prescription drug monitoring program data base; revise**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **HB 782 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2669-ECS)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 782 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2669-ECS)**

**SR 983** (Sen. Matt Brass, 28th, LC 28 8836) Joint Study Committee on Low THC Medical Oil Access; create

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SR 983 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2663S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SR 983 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2663S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 15, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. David Shafer (48th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) and Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**[HB 161](#) (Rep. Betty Price, 48th, LC 33 7333S) Drug related objects; employees of harm reduction organizations are not subject to certain offenses; provide**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Walker, III (20th) made a motion that **HB 161 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2667S)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 161 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2667S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 20, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (*left early*)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio(*left early*)  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd) (*left early*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*left early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary, and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**[HB 803](#) (Rep. Wendell Willard, 51st, LC 29 7938S) Crimes and offenses; trafficking a disabled adult, elder person, or resident; prohibit**

Rep. Willard (51st) presented the bill to the committee.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Kathy Floyd, Georgia Council on Aging  
Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Melanie McNeil, Georgia DHS- Office of the Long-Term Care  
Kathy Simpson, Alzheimer's Association (Georgia Chapter)  
Jason Marbutt of Cobb County's District Attorney  
Pete Skandalakis of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion that **HB 803 Do Pass (LC 29 7938S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**[HB 803 DO PASS \(LC 29 7938S\)](#)**

**[HB 635](#) (Rep. Sharon Cooper, 43rd, LC 37 2563S) Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act; at-risk adult protection investigative/coordinating teams; provide establishment**

Rep. Cooper (43rd) presented the bill to the committee.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Kathy Floyd, Georgia Council on Aging

Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Pete Skandalakis, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Jason Marbutt, Cobb County's District Attorney

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion that **HB 635 Do Pass (LC 37 2563S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 635 DO PASS (LC 37 2563S)**

**[HB 647](#) (Rep. Katie Dempsey, 13th, LC 33 7344S) Community Health, Department of; pilot program to provide coverage for treatment and management of obesity; provide**

Rep. Dempsey (13th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Ligon (3rd) arrived and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left at 2:06 p.m.

Pat Cannon and Mary Cooper of Novo Nordisk spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion that **HB 647 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 7444S)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 647 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7444S)**

**[HB 65](#) (Rep. Allen Peake, 141st, LC 29 7227) Low THC Oil Patient Registry; conditions and eligibility; change provisions**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **HB 65 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2680S)** and Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 65 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2680S)**

**HB 847 (Rep. Joyce Chandler, 105th, LC 33 7213) Psychology Inter-jurisdictional Compact; enter into an interstate compact**

Rep. Chandler (105th) presented the bill to the committee.

Anita Brown of the Georgia Psychological Association spoke in favor of the bill.  
Janet Orwig of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

**HB 301 (Rep. Jodi Lott, 122nd, LC 43 0582S) Income tax; certain physicians; delete deduction to create new credit; provisions**

Rep. Lott (122nd) presented the bill to the committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:  
Denise Kornegay, Georgia Statewide AHEC Network Program  
Nancy Pitra, Georgia Association of Physician Assistants  
Tim Kibler, Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Watson (1st) left at 2:30 p.m.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members. This was a hearing only.

**No further action was taken.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
**March 22, 2018**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary  
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)  
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*arrived late*)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. William Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. David Shafer (48th), and Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**[HB 301](#) (Rep. Jodi Lott, 122nd, LC 43 0582S) Income tax; certain physicians; delete deduction to create new credit; provisions**

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the committee.

Nancy Pitra of the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion that **HB 301 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2668S)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 301 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2668S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary