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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
January 28th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, January 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)

Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived Late*)

Note: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Steven Gooch (51st), Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Jack Hill were not present.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

NOTE: Sen. Heath arrived at 1:02

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) presented the Committee Rules.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that the **Committee Rules be adopted**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
2019-2020 RULES

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order substitutes or amendments are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittee for study. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. 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 if they so desire.
6. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill or resolution or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate 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. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote, which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.
9. Unless approved by the Chairman, all amendments or substitute bills must be submitted to the Chairman at least 24 hours before adoption by the Committee.
10. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 11th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio)

NOTE: Sen. Steven Gooch (51st), Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd), Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

SB 41 (Sen. Parent, 42nd, LC 43 1088) “Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes”

The Chair stated that SB 41 would receive a hearing at a later date.

Committee Recommendation: SB 41 (LC 43 1088) No Action Taken

SB 65 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 28 9070) “Alternative Ad Valorem Tax on Motor Vehicles; transfer of a title between legal entities owned by the same person; not constitute a taxable event; provide”

The Chair assigned SB 65 to the Ad Valorem subcommittee.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 21st, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael "Doc" Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) and Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

SB 65 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 28 9070) "Alternative Ad Valorem Tax on Motor Vehicles; transfer of a title between legal entities owned by the same person; not constitute a taxable event; provide"

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 65 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1254S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 65 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1254S)

SB 119 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 34 5498) "Georgia Measuring Success Act"

The Vice-Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion that **SB 119 Do Pass (LC 34 5498)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 119 DO PASS (LC 34 5498)

SB 120 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 34 5497) ““Georgia Tax Credit Business Case Act”

The Vice-Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion to amend SB 120 on line 24 by removing the code section 48-7-29.6 from the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **SB 120 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 43 1276S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 120 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1276S)

SB 41 (Sen. Parent, 42nd, LC 43 1088) “Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes”

The Chair stated that SB 41 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Danny Kanso of the Georgia Budget & Policy Institute

Keeva Kase of the Buckhead Christian Ministry

Danielle Brighton of Step Up Savannah

Lauren Waits of the Atlanta Community Foodbank

Andrea Johnson of the National Women’s Law Center

Laura Colbert of the Georgians for a Healthy Future

Ann Mintz of the United Way of Greater Atlanta

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Committee Recommendation: SB 41 (LC 43 1088) No action was taken.

Vice-Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 25th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Steven Gooch (51st), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) arrived at 1:01 p.m.

HB 183 (Rep. Harrell, 106th, LC 43 1177) “Ad valorem tax; right to appeal for any taxpayer that fails to file a property tax return or whose property tax return was deemed returned”; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Brett Harrell (106th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Harrell (106th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:02 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Jack Hill (4th) arrived at 1:04 p.m. Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who made a motion that **HB 183 Do Pass (LC 43 1177)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 183 DO PASS (LC 43 1177)

SB 127 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 43 1234) “Disabled First Responders; certain benefits”

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Brian Walker of the Department of Revenue

John Foster of the Department of Revenue

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **SB 127 Do Pass (LC 43 1234)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Thompson (14th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Heath (31st), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 127 DO PASS (LC 43 1234)

SB 128 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 43 1233) “Income Tax Payment; person required to submit a statement of taxes withheld shall be assessed a late penalty after the due date; provide”

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Brian Walker of the Department of Revenue

John Foster of the Department of Revenue

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB128 Do Pass (LC 43 1233)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 41 DO PASS (LC 43 1088).

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 28th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Michael "Doc" Rhett (33rd)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

SB 183 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 43 1279) "Revenue and Taxation; each person that files FORM 1099-K with the Internal Revenue Service shall also file electronically to the state revenue commissioner on or before federal deadline;" provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Heath (31st) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **SB 183 Do Pass (LC 43 1279)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived 2:07 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 183 DO PASS (LC 43 1279)

SB 138 (Sen. Martin, 9th, LC 43 1258) "Disabled First Responders"; certain benefits; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Martin (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Hill (4th), and Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 2:09 p.m.

The Senator opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 2:27 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion to amend the proposed substitute by allowing Legislative Council to add language to the proposed substitute such that the Title Ad Valorem Tax exemption will be limited to an aggregate vehicle value that does not exceed \$50,000 once every 3-year period. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th), who made a motion that **SB 138 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-1.

Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Heath (31st) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 138 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1305S)

SB 173 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 33 7739) “Georgia Educational Scholarship Act”

The Chair recognized Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) and Adam Peshek of Excel-in-Ed presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 2:58 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion to **Table SB 173 (LC 33 7860S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-9.

Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Thompson (14th), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **SB 173 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 7860S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-3.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Thompson (14th), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 173 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7860S)

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Thompson (14th) left at 3:08 p.m.

SB 216 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 34 5496) “Ad Valorem Taxation; local governments to accept prepayments of ad valorem taxes”; allow

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion that **SB 216 Do Pass (LC 34 5496)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 216 DO PASS (LC 34 5496)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 12th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Ellis Black (8th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

HB 182 (Rep. Harrell, 106th, LC 43 1174) “Sales and use tax”; lower threshold amount for certain dealers

The Chair recognized Rep. Brett Harrell (106th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Harrell (106th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) who made a motion that **HB 182 Do Pass (LC 43 1174)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 182 DO PASS (LC 43 1174)

HB 419 (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 43 1265ER) “Revenue and taxation”; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; define terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Hill (4th), and Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 10:07 a.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Harrell (106th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Harrell (106th) and Mr. John Foster of the Department of Revenue presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Heath (31st) arrived at 3:09 p.m.

The Committee decided to postpone a vote on the HB 419 until later in the meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 419 (LC 43 1265ER) No Action Taken

HB 85 (Rep. Houston, 170th, LC 33 7525) “Sales and use tax”; organ procurement organizations; exempt sales

The Chair recognized Rep. Penny Houston (170th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Houston (170th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 85 Do Pass (LC 33 7525)**. Sen. Hill (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 85 DO PASS (LC 337525)

HB 168 (Rep. Taylor, 173rd, LC 43 1181) “Sales and use tax”; tangible personal property to certain non-profit health centers; extend exemption for five additional years

The Chair recognized Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Taylor (173rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **HB 168 Do Pass (LC 43 1181)**. Sen. Hill (4th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 168 DO PASS (LC 43 1181)

HB 35 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1110) “Sales and use tax”; certain poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring services; create exemption

The Chair recognized Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 10:29 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **HB 35 Do Pass (LC 43 1110)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 35 DO PASS (LC 43 1110)

HB 105 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1315S) “Income tax”; certain income received by taxpayers as payments from a disaster relief or assistance program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture in connection with Hurricane Michael; exempt

The Chair recognized Rep. Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Because the Chair and Committee did not have the current substitute, the Chair asked to delay taking action until the correct language was available for the Committee.

HB 419 (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 43 1265ER) “Revenue and taxation”; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; define terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law

Per the presentation and discussion of the bill earlier in the meeting, the Committee decided it was ready to proceed with a vote on HB 419.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 419 Do Pass (LC 43 1265ER)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 419 DO PASS (LC 43 1265ER)

HB 406 (Rep. Williamson, 115th, LC 43 1286S) “Local government”; joint authorities to furnish certain information necessary for the state auditor to determine the net impact of their activities on associated tax digests; require

The Chair recognized Rep. Williamson (115th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williamson (115th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 10:44 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) who made a motion that **HB 406 Do Pass (LC 43 2186S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 406 DO PASS (LC 43 1286S)

HB 105 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1315S) “Income tax”; certain income received by taxpayers as payments from a disaster relief or assistance program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture in connection with Hurricane Michael; exempt

The Chair received the correct substitute for **HB 105 (LC 43 1315S)**.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Lynne Riley of the Department of Revenue

John Foster of the Department of Revenue

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: HB 105 (LC 43 1315S) NO ACTION TAKEN.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 14th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Thursday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

HB 220 (Rep. Rogers, 10th, LC 45 0272ERS) “Solid waste management”; certain solid waste disposal surcharges; extend sunset date

The Chair recognized Rep. Terry Rogers (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Rogers (10th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th) arrived at 2:09 p.m. Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 2:12 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion that that language be inserted clarifying Section 2 line 37 through line 40 of the bill. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 220 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 220 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1338ERS)

HB 101 (Rep. Ridley, 6th, LC 43 1257S) “Ad valorem tax”; all-terrain vehicles; revise definitions

The Chair recognized Rep. Penny Houston (170th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Houston (170th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Rhett (33rd) who made a motion that **HB 101 Do Pass (LC 43 1257S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 101 DO PASS (LC 43 1257S)

HB 314 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 28 9336ERS) “Georgia Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act”; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Ron Stephens (164th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Stephens (164th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 2:28 p.m. Sen. Hill (4th) arrived at 2:29 p.m.

Colonel Thomas Bernard, Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, took questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **HB 314 Do Pass (LC 28 9336ERS)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 314 DO PASS (LC 28 9336ERS)

HB 405 (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 43 1242ER) “Revenue and taxation”; Level 1 Freeport Exemption; modify provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. David Knight (130th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Knight (130th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Rhett (33rd) who made a motion that **HB 405 Do Pass (LC 43 1242ER)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 405 DO PASS (LC 43 1242ER)

HB 344 (Rep. Gambill, 15th, LC 43 1302S) “Sales and use tax”; mission to advance arts shall not be required to be an organization's primary mission in order to obtain an exemption for certain sales of tickets for admission to fine arts performances; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Gambill (15th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gambill (15th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 2:47 p.m.

Joel Wiggins, Georgia Municipal Association, took questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **HB 344 Do Pass (LC 43 1302S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 344 DO PASS (LC 43 1302S)

HB 507 (Rep. Wilensky, 79th, LC 28 9283S) “Ad valorem tax”; criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of real property; revise

The Chair recognized Rep. Mike Wilensky (79th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wilensky (79th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left the room at 2:52 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who made a motion that **HB 507 Do Pass (LC 28 9283S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 – 2.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowser (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Thompson (14th) and Sen. Miller (49th) voted against the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 507 DO PASS (LC 28 9283S)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 18th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, March 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Thompson (14th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

HB 365 (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, LC 34 5561S) “Alternative ad valorem tax”; motor vehicles; lower tax rate imposed

The Chair recognized Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Blackmon (146th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Hill (4th) arrived at 1:08 p.m. Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

The Chair recognized Larry Ramsey, Deputy General Counsel of ACCG, and Joel Wiggins, Governmental Relations Associate for Georgia Municipal Association, answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who offered an amendment that allowed for counties to create additional facilities to be used as hearing locations.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who moved that the amendment be adopted. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who moved to **Amend HB 365** to raise the 6.6 % from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 to 6.8% during that same timeframe. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3 – 8.

Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted in opposition of the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be combined into a committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who moved that **HB 365 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1357ERS)**. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10 – 1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) voted in opposition to the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 365 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1357ERS)

HB 527 (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 33 7833) “Quality Basic Education Formula”; change program weights for funding purposes

The Chair recognized Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Ted Beck, Chief Financial Officer for Georgia Department of Education, who answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who moved that **HB 527 Do Pass (LC 33 7833)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 527 DO PASS (LC 33 7833)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 20th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

HB 221 (Rep. Rogers, 10th, LC 44 1067) “Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center”; limit on indebtedness; increase

The Chair recognized Rep. Terry Rogers (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Rogers (10th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 221 Do Pass (LC 44 1067)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 – 2.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Hill (4th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Black (8th) voted in opposition to the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 221 DO PASS (LC 44 1067).

HB 287 (Rep. Dubnik, 29th, LC 43 1215) “Income tax”; certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; delete deduction

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Dubnik (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dubnik (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Heath (31st) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **HB 287 Do Pass (LC 43 1215)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 – 4.

Committee Recommendation: HB 287 DO PASS (LC 43 1215).

HB 446 (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 43 1099) “Revenue and taxation”; timber producers incurring losses from Hurricane Michael; clarify that certain credits that have been transferred shall not be refundable

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion that **HB 446 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1341ERS)**. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 446 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1341ERS)

HB 186 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 33 7713) “Health”; sale or lease of a hospital by a hospital authority; revise provisions

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Anna Adams of the Georgia Hospital Association
Ray Williams of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America
Kathy Polvino Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 186 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 7982S)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 186 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7982S)

HB 447 (Rep. LaRiccia, 169th, LC 43 1266EC) “Sales and use tax”; jet fuel; exempt for a period of time and levy an excise tax during such period

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) for the purpose of summarizing the subcommittee recommendation. Sen. Albers (56th) presented the subcommittee recommendation to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Rep. Dominic LaRiccia (169th) answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **HB 447 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1367ERS)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5-4 vote.

Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Heath (31st), and Sen. Black (8th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 447 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1367ERS)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 21st, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Thursday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Senator Nan Orrock (36th) was absent for the meeting.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order.

HB 276 (Rep. Harrell, 106th, LC 43 1304S) “Sales and use tax”; certain persons that facilitate certain retail sales; require collection of tax

The Chair recognized Rep. Brett Harrell (106th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Harrell (106th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Callie Michael representing Airbnb
Kenyatta Mitchell representing Expedia
Braden Cox, Director of Public Policy for Amazon
Chris Carpenter representing Google
Lynne Riley Commissioner of the Department of Revenue

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Thompson (14th) left at 2:48 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who offered amendment (AM 43 0798ER). Sen. Heath (31st) made a motion to adopt the amendment and Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to add language to lines 7 – 9 further protected Google and Amazon from liability. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to amend the effective date to January 1, 2020. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 276 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 276 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1376ERS)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) and Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 2:51 p.m.

HB 224 (Rep. Williamson, 115th, LC 43 1299S) “Income tax; credit for new purchases and acquisitions of qualified investment property shall be earnable for mining and mining facilities and allowed against a taxpayer's payroll withholding”; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Williamson (115th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williamson (115th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Committee Recommendation: HB 224 (LC 43 1384S) No action was taken.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 25th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, March 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)
Sen. Jack Hill (4th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Steven Gooch (51st), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent for the meeting.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting.

HB 540 (Rep. Rhodes, 120th, LC 46 0124) “Housing tax credit”; add to the list of tax categories eligible for an offset

The Chair recognized Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Rhodes (120th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 540 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1379ERS)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: HB 540 DO PASS (LC 43 1379ERS)

HB 224 (Rep. Williamson, 115th, LC 43 1299S) “Income tax; credit for new purchases and acquisitions of qualified investment property shall be earnable for mining and mining facilities and allowed against a taxpayer's payroll withholding”; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Williamson (115th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williamson (115th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to change the date on line 317 and line 443 from 2029 to 2024. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) who made a motion to change the word on line 71 from “five” to “ten” and to change the word on line 76 from “ten” to “twenty-five”. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 224 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Orrock (36th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 224 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1389S)

HB 321 (Sen. Lott, 122nd, LC 33 7720) “Health; hospital Medicaid financing program”; extend sunset provision

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 3:19 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tillery (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to change “2020” to “2019” on line 19. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 321 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Hill (4th), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Heath (31st) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 321 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1390S)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 27th, 2019

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Steven Gooch (51st)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Sen. Jack Hill (4th), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent for the meeting.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order.

HB 352 (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 43 1203) “Sales and use tax; exemption for competitive projects of regional significance”; change sunset provision

NOTE: Sen. Heath (31st) arrived at 11:04 a.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Sydne Smith of Georgia Department of Economic Development

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) who made a motion to amend line 30 by including “following the consummation of the grant of such exemptions” after the word “paragraph”, include “Speaker” at the end of line 31, and striking line 35 and 36 of the bill. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion **HB 352 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Heath (31st) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 352 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (43 1405ERS)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary