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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairwoman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Vice-Chairman, was absent.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

The Chair presented the Committee Rules.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion the Committee Rules be adopted as presented. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 and a copy of the Rules are attached.

SR 133 (Sen. Beach, 21st LC 39 2012) Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Authority; prioritize and encourage the use of technological innovation; urge

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the resolution to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Resolution:
Bryan Mulligan of Applied Information

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion **SR 133 Do Pass (LC 39 2012)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Committee Recommendation: SR 133 DO PASS (LC 39 2012)

SB 115 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 33 7683) "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia"; telemedicine licenses for physicians in other states; engage in the practice of medicine with patients in this state through telemedicine; provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Resolution:

Julie Windom of Navicent Health
Amy Krieg of Georgia Hospital Association
Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals
Bethany Schierer of Medical Association of Georgia
Josha Dodson of Mental Health America of Georgia

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion **SB 115 Do Pass (LC 33 7683)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 115 DO PASS (LC 33 7683)

SB 118 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 46 0064) Insurance; Georgia Telemedicine Act; modernize; Telemedicine Act the Telehealth Act; rename

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Julie Windom of Navicent Health
Amy Krieg of Georgia Hospital Association
Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion **SB 118 Do Pass (LC 46 0064)**. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 118 DO PASS (LC 46 0064)

Chairwoman Unterman (45th), adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
2019 RULES**

1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5-1].
2. The quorum for the Science and Technology Committee shall be three (3) members.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chairman shall have the sole authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee. All actions of any Subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.
7. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a Minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
8. These Rules may be amended or waived upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
9. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she has designated to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
10. When these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Thursday, February 28, 2019

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairwoman
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary, was absent.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

SB 82 (Sen. Beach, 21st LC 39 1991) Transportation Department Director; appointment of a chief innovation officer to coordinate and develop technology; provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in opposition of the Bill:

Josh Waller of Georgia Department of Transportation

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion to **Table SB 82 (LC 39 1991)**. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 82 TABLED (LC 39 1991)

SR 112 (Sen. Payne, 54th LC 34 5490) United States Supreme Court Decision on Roe v. Wade; members have reasonable debate regarding interpretation and application; recommend

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Payne (54th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **Table SR 112 (LC 34 5490)**. Sen. Unterman (45th) seconded the motion. The motion tied 2-2.

Sen. Dolezal (27th) and Sen. Unterman (45th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th), adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Thursday, March 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairwoman
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. William Ligon (3th), (Ex-Officio)

NOTE: Sen. William Ligon (3rd) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, as an Ex-Officio member, by Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan until the adjournment of the Senate, Sine Die, April 2, 2019. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

[HB 341](#) (Rep. Dollar, 45th LC 28 9140) Crimes and offenses; reproduction of recorded material; update terminology

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Dollar (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dollar (45th) presented the bill to the Committee

The Chair recognized Sen. Jordan (6th) who made a motion **HB 341 Do Pass (LC 28 9140)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 341 DO PASS (LC 28 9140)

[HB 197](#) (Rep. Dempsey, 13th LC 33 7770S) Office of Planning and Budget; provide for the establishment of the Strategic Integrated Data System

The Chair recognized Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dempsey (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Director Tom Rawlings of Department of Child and Family Services

The Chair recognized who Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion **HB 197 Do Pass (LC 33 7770S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 197 DO PASS (LC 33 7770S)

HB 481 (Rep. Setzler, 34th LC 33 7912ERS) Living Infants Fairness and Equality (LIFE) Act; enact

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

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Sarah Rogers representing self
Dr. Kathy Aultman representing self
Rachel Guy representing self
Meriella Gomenez representing self
Catherine Davis representing self
Jodi Duffy representing self
Dr. Ravielle representing self
Jane Robbins representing self
David Goldenshuh representing self
Mike Griffin of Georgia Baptist Coalition
Joshua Edmunds of Georgia Life Alliance
Jessica Daniel representing self
Cole Muzio representing self
Emily Matson representing self
Virginia Galloway of Faith and Freedom Coalition
Representative Josh Bonner of District 72
Kimberly Hoechstetter representing self

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Trinity Hundredmark-Fitzpatrick representing self
Dr. Melissa Kottche representing self
Dr. Juaquita Callaway representing self
John Walraven of Georgia Reproductive Endocrinologists
Dr. Anne Patterson of Georgia OBGYN Society
Dr. Carrie Cwiak representing self
Preetha Nandi representing self
Alicia Kramer representing self
Shivika Trivedi representing self
Eva Lathrop representing self
Roger Rochet representing self
Dr. Atsuko Koyama representing self
Dr. Miriam Zieman representing self
Joline Milord representing self
Laura Anderson representing self
Tiffany Hailstarks representing self
Lisa Haddad representing self

Robert Wiskind representing self
Jasmine Cummings representing self
Dr. Adrienne Zertuche representing self
Dr. Julia Combs representing self
Kelli Hall representing self
Dr. Elizabeth Clark representing self
Deborah Gonzalez representing self
Sean Young of ACLU
Laura Price representing self
V.J. Williams representing self
Rep. Greg Kennard representing self
Gloria Tatum representing self
Erin "Lola" Rodden representing self
Carol Hayes representing self

Committee Recommendation: HB 481 (33 7912ERS) No action was taken.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th), adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 1, 2019

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint Senator William Ligon to serve as an Ex-Officio Member on the Science and Technology Committee. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the Senate, Sine Die, April 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Duncan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Committee Chairman

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Thursday, March 18, 2019

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Thursday, March 14, at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairwoman
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. William Ligon (3th), (Ex-Officio)

Chairwoman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

HB 481 (Rep. Setzler, 34th LC 33 7912ERS) Living Infants Fairness and Equality (LIFE) Act; enact

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who offered amendment **(AM#1) (LC 28 1740)** and moved its adoption. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2.

Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Ligon (3rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who offered amendment **(AM #2)** and moved its adoption. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2.

Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Ligon (3rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who offered amendment **(AM #3)** and moved its adoption. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2.

Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Ligon (3rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair presented a proposed substitute to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ligon (3rd) who made a motion **HB 481 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 9335S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Ligon (3rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 481 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 9335S)

Chairwoman Unterman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Thursday, March 21, 2019

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairwoman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary
Sen. William Ligon (3th), (Ex-Officio)

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Jordan (6th), and Sen. Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairwoman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

HR 239 (Rep. Stephens, 164th LC 44 1058) Savannah Logistics Technology Innovation Corridor; designate

The Chair presented the resolution to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Resolution:
Heather Maxfield of Technology Association of Georgia

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion **HR 239 Do Pass (LC 44 1058)**. Sen. Ligon (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

Committee Recommendation: HR 239 DO PASS (LC 44 1058)

Chairwoman Unterman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Secretary

/s/ Aviel Vargas, Recording Secretary