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**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 125 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), and Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (10th) arrived at 3:03 p.m., Sen. Tate (38th) arrived at 3:04 p.m., and Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Ginn (47th) opened the floor for a guest speaker, Bob Skiba, Executive Vice President speaking on behalf of (ATPC) American Transaction Processors Coalition, to talk about financial processing transactions.

The proposed Committee Rules were reviewed. Chairman Ginn (47th) made a motion to adopt the Rules. Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion. The Rules of the Committee were adopted and appear on the following page.

Chairman Ginn (47th) then opened up a discussion for the Committee members for brainstorming on any ideas for keeping Georgia the number 1 state in the nation for business. No Committee members had comments at the time.

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

Abby Horvath, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
RULES 2019 – 2020**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and as to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee meeting.
6. These Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the Committee, provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate, except after consideration by the full Committee.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine 1. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), and Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tate (38th) arrived at 3:05 p.m., Sen. Jones (10th) arrived at 3:05 p.m., Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 3:05 p.m., and Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 3:06 p.m.

SB 45 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 28 9078ERS) "Rural Georgia Jobs and Growth Act"

The Chair stated that SB 45 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach 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:

Paul Martin - President of Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana
Bryan Elmore - Director of Indiana Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association
Dick Cummings - Former CEO of Churchill Downs
Dean Reeves - President of Georgia Horse Racing Coalition

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Mike Griffin - Georgia Baptist group
Cory Lawrence - Citizen Impact
Virginia Galloway - Faith & Freedom Coalition
Jane Robbins - Concerned Women for America

Testimony neutral to the bill:

Angela Holland - Georgia Association of Convenience stores; she was there to represent convenience stores concerning lines 742 - 747 in the bill.

Committee Recommendation: SB 45 (LC 28 9078ERS) No action was taken.

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Abby Horvath, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), and Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 3:10 p.m.

SB 45 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 28 9078ERS) "Rural Georgia Jobs and Growth Act"

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who offered amendment (**AM 28 1681**). Sen. Mullis (53rd) moved its adoption and Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who offered amendment (**AM 28 1676**). Sen. Mullis (53rd) moved its adoption and Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who offered amendment (**AM 28 1692**). Sen. Tate (38th) moved its adoption and Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ginn (47th) offered amendment (**AM 28 1683**). Sen. Jones (10th) moved its adoption and Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ginn (47th) offered to strike on page 10 -11, lines 346 - 349, Article 2 to strike out “24 Hours a day” then to add “as long as the licensed facility is compliant to all state and local alcohol, smoking, zoning, occupancy, and other land use laws the commission deems appropriate.” Sen. Brass (28th) moved its adoption and Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) who made a motion **SB 45 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 2.

Committee Recommendation: SB 45 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1137ERS)

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 3:35 p.m.

SR 84 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 28 9087) “General Assembly; pari-mutuel betting on horse racing; provide by law - CA”

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Tate (38th) who made a motion **SR 84 Do Pass**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2.

Committee Recommendation: SR 84 DO PASS (LC 28 9087)

SB 80 (Sen. Lucas, 26th, LC 47 0074) “Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority; expired provisions; issuance and review of requests for proposals for a new location, ownership; remove”

The Chair recognized Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (10th), who made a motion **SB 80 Do Pass**. Sen. Mullis (53rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 80 DO PASS (LC 47 0074)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Abby Horvath, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, were absent.

Chairman Ginn (47th) called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

[HB 525](#) (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 28 9263ER) "Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center; rename to Savannah Convention Center"

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

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 3:10 p.m. Sen. Mullis (53rd) and Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 3:14 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) who made a motion **HB 525 Do Pass**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 525 DO PASS (LC 28 9263ER)

Chairman Ginn (47th) adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Abby Horvath, Recording Secretary