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**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Monday, February 11, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Sen. David Lucas (26th), Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), were absent.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., asking Sen. Kirk (13th) to open with prayer.

The Chairman confirmed that each member had reviewed the Rules of the Committee and asked if there were any questions. There were none. The Chairman asked for a motion for the adoption of Committee Rules as presented.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules as presented. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The Rules were adopted by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND LABOR
2019-2020 COMMITTEE RULES

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be consistent with the Rules of the Senate and in the event of any conflict, the Rules of the Senate shall be observed.
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
4. The Chairman 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 at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman. Prior to Subcommittee action, the Chairman may recall any referred matter at his discretion.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Secretary or a Committee member designated by the Chairman shall preside, respectively.
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 in writing in accordance with the Rules of the Senate.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee in a meeting called by the Chairman.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom the author designates to do so.
9. The Chairman may delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
10. The Chairman shall manage the debate, deliberations, evidence, presentations and testimony during the course of meetings to best serve the interests of the Committee and the Senate on behalf of the citizens of Georgia.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman (*left at 4:06 p.m.*)
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary (*left at 4:13 p.m.*)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Ex-Officio (*arrived at 3:14 p.m.*) (*left at 4:01 p.m.*)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (*arrived at 3:24 p.m.*)

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) was appointed as Ex-Officio of the Committee. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., asking Sen. Kirk (13th) to open with prayer.

The Chairman recognized Sen. Martin (9th) to introduce SB 124 to the Committee.

SB 124 (Sen. Martin, 9th, LC 46 0094) “Insurance; language used in certain automobile and property insurance reduction of coverage notices; revise”

Sen. Martin (9th) briefly explained the origin of the bill and answered questions from the Committee.

Sen. Harbison (15th) made a motion **SB 124 DO PASS (LC 46 0094)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 124 Do Pass (LC 46 0094)

The Chairman recognized Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) to introduce SB 27 the Committee.

SB 27 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 36 3731) “Employment Security; change definition of 'unemployed'; eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits for furloughed federal workers; provide”

Chairman Jones (25th) reminded the audience that the bill would not be considered for a vote, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Chairman thanked Sen. Jones (10th) for his presentation.

Committee Recommendation: SB 27 (LC 36 3731) No Action Taken

The Chairman recognized Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) to introduce SB 56 to the Committee, which was presented as a substitute.

SB 56 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 46 0052ER) "Consumer Coverage and Protection for Out-of Network Medical Care Act"

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion for the adoption of the amendment as presented. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded. The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **SB 56 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 56 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0112 ERS)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Chairman

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Monday, February 25, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman (*arrived at 1:05 p.m.*)
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (*arrived at 1:10 p.m.*)

NOTE: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) and Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) were absent.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., asking Sen. Kirk (13th) to open with prayer.

The Chairman recognized Sen. Walker (20th) to introduce SB 142 to the Committee.

SB 142 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 33 7758) “Insurance; statement indicating that the subscriber's health policy is fully insured is included on a subscriber's health insurance identification card; require”

Sen. Walker (20th) explained the origin of the bill.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Bethany Sherrer, MAG

Scott LoFranco, GDA

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **SB 142 DO PASS (LC 33 7758)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 142 DO PASS (LC 33 7758)

The Chairman recognized Sen. Harbin (16th) to introduce SB 132 to the Committee.

SB 132 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 46 0089) Insurance; modernization and updates; provide; Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; repeal Article 2 of Chapter 29A

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion **SB 132 DO PASS (LC 46 0089)**. Sen. Lucas (26th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 132 DO PASS (LC 46 0089)

The Chairman recognized Sen. Harbin (16th) to introduce SB 133 to the Committee.

SB 133 (Sen. Harbin, 16th) LC 46 0090 “Insurance; modernization and updates; provide”

Sen. Harbin (16th) briefly explained the origin of the bill and asked if there were any questions.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **SB 133 DO PASS (LC 46 0090)**. Sen. Unterman (45th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 133 DO PASS (LC 46 0090)

The Chairman recognized Sen. Martin (9th) to introduce SB 156 to the Committee.

SB 156 (Martin, 9th, LC 46 0104ER) “Insurance; division of a domestic insurer into two or more resulting domestic insurers; provide”

Sen. Martin (9th) explained the bill.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Stacy Freeman, Munich American

The Chairman asked if there were any other questions. There were none. The Chairman asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **SB 156 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 156 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0116ERS)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman (*left at 5:37 p.m.*)
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary (*arrived at 5:09 p.m.*)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*arrived at 5:13 p.m.*)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. David Lucas (26th) was absent.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., asking Sen. Walker (20th) to open with prayer.

SB 192 (Sen. Jones, 25th, LC 46 0101ER) “Captive Insurance Companies; definitions; use of a registered agent to receive service of process; letters of credit; provide”

Chairman Jones (25th) recognized Stacy Freeman to briefly explain the origin of the bill and asked if there were any questions. Accompanying Mr. Freeman to answer questions from the Committee was Mark R. Rossi, Director of Insurance & Financial Oversight for the Georgia Insurance of Fire Safety Commissioner.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Freeman and Mr. Rossi for the presentation, and continued with answering questions from the Committee. The Chairman asked for a motion.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **SB 192 DO PASS (LC 46 0101ER)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 10-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 192 DO PASS (LC 46 0101ER)

The Chairman recognized Sen. Harbin (16th) to introduce SB 145 to the Committee.

SB 145 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 46 0096ER) “Insurance; insurers to develop selection standards for provider participation; require”

Sen. Harbin (16th) briefly explained the origin of the bill and asked if there were any questions.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would review the bill further and bring it before the Committee for a possible vote at a later date.

The Chairman recognized Sen. Walker (20th) to introduce SB 188 to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: SB 145 (LC 46 0096) No Action Taken

SB 188 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 46 0099) “Reinsurance of Risks; adequate regulation of reinsurers; incorporation of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners reinsurance model into the Georgia Insurance Code; provide”

Sen. Walker (20th) briefly explained the origin of the bill and asked if there were any questions.

Sen. Robertson (29th) made a motion **SB 188 DO PASS (LC 46 0099)**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 10-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 188 DO PASS (LC 46 0099)

The Chairman recognized Sen. William Ligon (3rd) to introduce SB 202 to the Committee.

SB 202 (Sen. Ligon, 3rd, LC 46 0118) “Title Insurance; lender's security interest; personal property taken by the lender as collateral for a commercial loan; allow”

Sen. Ligon (3rd) thanked The Chairman for his leadership and briefly explained the origin of the bill, and answered brief questions presented by the Committee.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **SB 202 DO PASS (LC 46 0118)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 202 DO PASS (LC 46 0118)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Chairman

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Monday, March 11, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Sen. Larry Walker (20th), and Sen. Ben Watson (1st), were absent.

Vice-Chairman Martin (9th) called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m., asking Sen. Harbison (15th) to open with prayer.

The Vice-Chairman confirmed that HB 99 would be presented to the Committee for a **HEARING ONLY** and recognized Rep. Richard Smith (134th) to introduce the bill.

[HB 99](#) (Rep. Smith, 134th, LC 46 0076S) “Insurance; provide for modernization and updates”

Committee Recommendation: HB 99 (LC 46 0076S) No Action Taken

The Vice-Chairman confirmed that HB 63 would be presented to the Committee for a **HEARING ONLY** and recognized Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd) to introduce the bill.

[HB 63](#) (Rep. Cooper, 43rd, LC 46 0048) “Insurance; health benefit plans to establish step therapy protocols; require”

Committee Recommendation: HB 63 (LC 46 0048) No Action Taken

The Vice-Chairman recognized Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) to introduce HB 368 to the Committee.

[HB 368](#) (Rep. Taylor, 173rd, LC 46 00117ERS) “Insurance; division of a domestic insurer into two or more resulting domestic insurers; provide”

Sen. Harbison (15th) made a motion **HB 368 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 368 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0148ERS)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Thursday, March 14, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman (*left early at 2:10 p.m.*)
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*arrived at 2:10 p.m.*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Ex-Officio (*arrived at 2:20 p.m.*)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th) (*arrived at 2:03 p.m.*)

NOTE: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), and Sen. Ben Watson (1st) were absent.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., asking Sen. Kirk (13th) to open with prayer.

The Chairman recognized Rep. Richard Smith (134th) to introduce HB 99 to the Committee.

HB 99 (Rep. Smith, 134th, LC 46 0076S) “Insurance; provide for modernization and updates”

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **HB 99 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Harbin (16th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Chairman Jones (25th) confirmed that he would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 99 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0149ERS)

The Chairman recognized Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd) to introduce HB 367 to the Committee.

HB 367 (Rep. Taylor, 173rd, LC 46 0065) “Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act; enact”

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **HB 367 DO PASS (LC 46 0065)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Sen. Walker (20th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 367 DO PASS (LC 46 0065)

HB 491 (Rep. Taylor, 173rd, LC 46 0115) “Insurance; regulation of insurance company holding systems; update”

Sen. Harbin (16th) made a motion **HB 491 DO PASS (LC 46 0115)**. Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harbin (16th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 491 DO PASS (LC 46 0115)

Chairman Jones (25th) asked Sen. Kirk (13th) to take over as Chairman of the Committee in lieu of his early departure.

NOTE: Chairman Jones (25th) departed at 2:10 p.m.

Sen. Kirk (13th) acquiesced and recognized Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd) to introduce HB 63 to the Committee.

HB 63 (Rep. Cooper, 43rd, LC 46 0048) “Insurance; health benefit plans to establish step therapy protocols; require”

Rep. Cooper (43rd) explained the bill and answered questions from the Committee. She was joined by John Walraven from the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, who also answered questions from the Committee.

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion **HB 63 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 6-0.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 63 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7931S)

Sen. Kirk (13th) recognized Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd) to introduce HB 128 to the Committee.

HB 128 (Rep. Silcox, 52nd, LC 33 7579) “Insurance; insurers do not have to notify the Georgia Composite Medical Board of agreements to settle medical malpractice claims against physicians when the settlement resulted in the low payment under a high/low agreement; provide”

Rep. Silcox (52nd) briefly explained the bill and answered a few questions from the Committee. She was joined by Stephanie Kindregan, the Director of Government Affairs for MagMutual Insurance Company, who also answered questions from the Committee.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **HB 128 DO PASS (LC 33 7579)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by vote of 4-2, with Sen. Harbin (16th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting YES.

Sen. Lucas ((26th) and Sen. Sims (12th) voting NO.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 128 DO PASS (LC 33 7579)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Monday, March 18, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) (*arrived at 1:17 p.m.*)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), and Sen. Larry Walker (20th) were absent.

Chairman Jones (25th) called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., asking Sen. Robertson (29th) to open with prayer.

The Chairman recognized Rep. Spencer Frye (118th) to introduce HB 227 to the Committee.

[HB 227](#) (Rep. Frye, 118th, LC 46 0123S) “Insurance; discrimination against victims of family violence to include victims of sexual assault; expand prohibitions”

No action was taken on the bill to allow the Committee to confirm the correct version of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 227 (LC 46 0123S) No Action Taken

The Chairman introduced Rep. Greg Morris (156th) to introduce HB 310 to the Committee.

[HB 310](#) (Rep. Morris, 156th, LC 46 0082) “Insurance, Department of; must submit an autism coverage report to General Assembly; move annual due date to June 15”

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion **HB 310 DO PASS (LC 46 0082)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Chairman Jones (25th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 310 DO PASS (LC 46 0082)

The Chairman recognized Rep. John Carson (46th) to introduce HB 277 to the Committee.

HB 277 (Rep. Carson, 46th, LC 46 0105ERS) “Insurance; allow good will from insurer acquisitions to be treated as an asset”

Sen. Watson (2nd) made a motion **HB 277 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 277 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0144ERS)

The Chairman recognized Rep. Bill Werkheiser (157th) to introduce HB 373 to the Committee.

HB 373 (Rep. Werkheiser, 157th, LC 36 3810) “Labor, Department of; employment security; change certain provisions”

No action was taken on the legislation to allow the author and Committee to further perfect language within the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 373 (LC 36 3810) No Action Taken

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INSURANCE AND LABOR
Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor held a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Members present were as follows:

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Chairman (*arrived at 10:04 a.m.*)
Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Secretary
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (*arrived at 10:04 a.m.*) (*left early at 10:07 a.m.*)

NOTE: Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) was absent.

Vice-Chairman Martin (9th) called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., asking Sen. Kirk (13th) to open with prayer.

Chairman Jones (25th) arrived at 10:04 a.m. and recognized Rep. Spencer Frye (118th) to introduce HB 227 to the Committee.

[HB 227](#) (Rep. Frye, 118th, LC 46 0123S) “Insurance; discrimination against victims of family violence to include victims of sexual assault; expand prohibitions”

Sen. Watson (2nd) made a motion **HB 227 DO PASS (LC 46 0123S)**. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 10-0.

Sen. Matt Brass (28th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 227 DO PASS (LC 46 0123S)

The Chairman recognized Rep. Bill Werkheiser (157th) to introduce HB 373 to the Committee.

[HB 373](#) (Rep. Werkheiser, 157th, LC 36 3810) “Labor, Department of; employment security; change certain provisions”

Sen. Lucas (26th) made a motion **HB 373 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Harbin (16th) seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 9-0.

Sen. Walker (20th) would serve as Senate sponsor of the bill.

Committee Recommendation: HB 373 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 36 4005S)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
Secretary

/s/ C. Denese Sampson
Recording Secretary