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Senate Committee on Public Safety--2019-2020 Rules

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
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 may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may refer any matter to a subcommittee. 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; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.
5. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates 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 appeared first in the list of authors.
6. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances dictate.
7. During Committee meetings, Committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to hearing.
9. 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.
10. The Chairman may present to the Committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chairman at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee. These rules may only be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
11. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 1:10 p.m.

2019 Public Safety Sub-Committee Assignments

The Chair presented the 2019-2020 Public Safety subcommittees and members.

The Chair announced the First Responders (Fire, Police, EMS) Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Harper (7th) and Vice-Chaired by Sen. Robertson (29th). Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), and Sen. Albers (56th) will serve on the subcommittee.

The General Welfare & Safety Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) and Vice-Chaired by Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd). Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), and Sen. Watson (1st) will serve on the subcommittee.

2019-2020 Senate Committee on Public Safety Rules

The Chair presented the proposed Rules for 2019-2020.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) who made a motion to pass the **2019-2020 Rules**. Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0. The Rules appear on the previous page.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

SB 25 (Sen. Heath, 31st, LC 41 1720S) Rules of the Road; when driver of vehicle need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus; clarify

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Heath (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Sen. Heath (31st) 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:

Pat Schofill, Georgia Department of Education

Lou Este, Georgia Department of Education

Margaret Ciccarelli, PAGE

Rebecca Grist, Georgia Association of Solicitors

Dwayne Orrich, Georgia Association of Chief of Police

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **SB 25 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 1720S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 25 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1720S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Monday, February 11, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

SB 8 (Sen. Martin, 9th, LC 39 2017) Specialty License Plate; benefit the Atlanta United Foundation; establish

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

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) who made a motion that **SB 8 Do Pass (LC 39 2017)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Anderson (43rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 8 DO PASS (LC 39 2017)

SB 15 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 1787S), “Keeping Georgia’s Schools Safe Act”

Chairman Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee for a Hearing.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Richard Woods, State Superintendent of Schools
Mark Sulborski, Fulton County Schools
Ron Freeman, Forsyth County Sheriff’s Dept.
Andy Hester, Turner County Sheriff’s Dept.

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Jane Robbins, Concerned Women for America
Polly McKinney, Voices for Georgia’s Children

The Chair announced that **SB 15** will be voted upon at a later Committee meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 15 HEARING ONLY

SB 6 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 39 2096S) **Correctional Institutions of the State and Counties; use of unmanned aircraft systems to deliver or attempt to deliver contraband to a place of incarceration; prohibit**

The Chair recognized Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) 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:

Sean Ferguson, Department of Corrections
Ron Freeman, Forsyth County Sheriff’s Dept.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **SB 6 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2096S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Anderson (43rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 6 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2096S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (*Left early*)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) was absent.
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) left at 1:25 p.m.

SB 15 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 1846S) “Keeping Georgia’s Schools Safe Act”

Chairman Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Priyanka Bhatt, Project South
Murtaza Khwaja, CAIR Georgia
Maria Palacios, Georgia Shift
Glory Kilanko, Women Watch Africa
Cita Cook, Retired Educator
Hannah Hawkins, Parent
La’Die Mansfield, Parent

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (34th) who made a motion that **SB 15 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 1846S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), and Sen. Anderson (43rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th) and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 15 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1846S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Monday, February 25, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Arrived late*)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) was absent.
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 2:03 p.m.
Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Subcommittee Bill Assignments

The Chair assigned the following bills to Public Safety Subcommittees.

SB 24 (Sen. James, 35th) referred to General Welfare and Safety Subcommittee
SB 50 (Sen. Harrell, 40th) referred to First Responders Subcommittee
SB 84 (Sen. Kirk, 13th) referred to First Responders Subcommittee

SB 149 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 39 2092) **Motor vehicles; retain custody of the vehicle under certain conditions; valid member license plate without required revalidation decal affixed; permit**

The Chair recognized Sen. Randy Robertson (29th).

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 149 Do Pass (LC 39 2092)**. Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 149 DO PASS (LC 39 2092)

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

SB 137 (Sen. Lucas, 26th, LC 47 0094) Tuskegee University; specialty license plate; establish

The Chairman recognized Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th).

Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **SB 137 Do Pass (LC 47 0094)**. Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 137 DO PASS (LC 47 0094)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) was absent.
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) was absent.
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) arrived at 1:22 p.m.

SB 31 (Sen. Rhett, 33rd, LC 41 1690) Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; performing any duty at the scene of an emergency; law enforcement officers shall not be liable; clarify

The Chairman recognized Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) to present the bill.

Sen. Rhett (33rd), joined by Frank Rotundo, presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harold Jones (22nd) who made a motion that **SB 31 Do Pass (LC 41 1690)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 31 DO PASS (LC 41 1690)

SB 208 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 39 2092) Motor vehicles; retain custody of the vehicle under certain conditions; valid member license plate without required revalidation decal affixed; permit

The Chairman recognized Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) to present the bill.

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **SB 208 Do Pass (LC 39 2092)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 208 DO PASS (LC 39 2092)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Left early*)

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) was absent.
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) was absent.
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harper arrived at 2:25 p.m.

[HB 171](#) (Rep. Barr, 103rd, LC 39 2062) Motor vehicles; use of mounts on windshields for the support of wireless telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices under certain circumstances; allow

The Chair recognized Rep. Timothy Barr (103rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Barr (103rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and amendment from the Committee.

Amendment

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who offered an amendment to the bill and moved its adoption as a committee substitute. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Nathan Humphrey, NFIB

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Bill Clark, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association

The Chair opened the floor for a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 171 Do Pass by Committee Substitute (LC 39 2231TS)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 171 DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2231TS)

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left at 2:44 p.m.

HB 279 (Rep. Lumsden, 12th, LC 39 2226S) Revenue and taxation; certain law enforcement officers may use department vehicles relative to certain approved off-duty jobs; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Lumsden (12th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 279 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2226S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Anderson (24th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 279 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2226S)

HB 226 (Rep. LaRiccia, 169th, LC 41 1766-EC) Courts; additional penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances under Joshua's Law; extend sunset

The Chair recognized Rep. Dominic LaRiccia (169th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. LaRiccia (169th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 226 Do Pass (LC 41 1766-EC)**. Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Anderson (24th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Strickland (17th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 226 DO PASS (LC 41 1766-EC)

HB 225 (Rep. Rich, 97th, LC 41 1768) Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update

The Chair recognized Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Rich (97th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 225 Do Pass (LC 41 1768)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Anderson (24th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 225 Do Pass (LC 41 1768)

HB 325 (Rep. Clark, 147th, LC 41 1932S) Law enforcement officers and agencies; records of investigation of an officer by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall be retained for 30 years; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Heath Clark (147th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Clark (147th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) who made a motion that **HB 325 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 41 1932S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Anderson (24th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 325 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1932S)

HB 471 (Rep. Sainz, 180th, LC 28 9296 ERS) Motor vehicles; implied consent notices; revise

The Chair recognized Rep. Steven Sainz (180th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Sainz (180th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 471 Do Pass (LC 28 9296 ERS)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Anderson (24th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 471 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 9296 ERS)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Monday, March 18, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Arrived late*)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 2:03 p.m.
Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.
Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 2:04 p.m.
Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

HB 459 (Rep. Ehrhart, 36th, LC 41 1946S) Education; driver's license verification system for school bus drivers; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Ginny Ehrhart (36th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Ehrhart (36th) 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:

Dan Flynn, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 459 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 1946S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 459 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1946S)

HB 339 (Rep. McClain, 100th, LC 39 2342S) Special license plates; Alabama A&M University; establish

The Chair recognized Rep. Dewey McClain (100th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. McClain (100th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 339 Do Pass by Committee Substitute (LC 39 2342S)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 339 DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2342S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Monday, March 25, 2019

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex- Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Arrived late*)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 4:01 p.m.
Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 4:10 p.m.

[HB 342](#) (Rep. Dollar, 45th, LC 41 1993S) Motor vehicles; issuance of a traffic citation to a vehicle owner in lieu of the individual operating the motor vehicle in certain instances; provide

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

NOTE: The committee stood in recess from 4:04 p.m. to 4:06 p.m.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting back to order at 4:06 p.m.

Rep. Dollar (45th) 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:

Kathleen Bowen, ACCG
Rusi Patel, Georgia Municipal Association
John Haliburton, Thrash Haliburton

Testimony opposed to the Bill:

Matt Wetherington, Werner Wetherington Attorney

The Chair opened the floor for a motion from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (43rd) who made a motion that **SB 342 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 1993S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) and Sen. Harper (7th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: SB 342 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1993S)

HB 454 (Rep. Tanner, 9th, LC 39 2366S) Motor vehicles; operation of motorized mobility devices; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Tanner (9th) 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:

Nathan Humprey, NFIB

Michael McPherson, Georgia Municipal Association

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **HB 454 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2366S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio), Sen. Seay (34th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Gooch (51st) will be sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

Committee Recommendation: HB 454 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2366S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary