

## Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

### 2020 Roster

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**Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs**  
**2019-2020 Rules**

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation.
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. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc.) shall be in order until the Chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained. The Chairman shall have the authority and discretion to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chairman may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and 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 at such a time as shall be designated by the Chairman. All actions of the subcommittees shall be approved or disapproved by the full Committee.
5. A “Do Pass” motion that fails does not automatically give a “Do Not Pass” recommendation, nor does a “Do Not Pass” motion which fails give an affirmative recommendation. A “Do Not Pass” motion which passes is considered unfavorably reported by the Committee and may not be taken up by the full Senate.
6. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
7. Any members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report, in writing, with the Secretary of the Senate when the Committee report is read, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6.
8. 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.
9. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he 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.
10. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided by the Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing.
11. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.5.
12. No member of any Committee may abstain from voting, unless the member or a member’s immediate family has direct pecuniary interest in result of such vote, pursuant to Rule 2-4-2(f).

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Ellis Black (8th) was absent.

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Heath (31st) arrived at 4:03 p.m.

**HB 545 (Rep. McCall, 33rd, HB 545/CSFA) Nuisances; treatment of agricultural facilities and operations and forest land; provisions**

The Chair recognized Rep. Tom McCall (33rd) to speak to the bill.

The Chair indicated that HB 545 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the substitute language to the Committee.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Neill Herring, Sierra Club  
Dale Sandlin, Georgia Cattlemen's Association  
Mike Giles Georgia Poultry Federation  
Jody Sullivan, Family Farmer  
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau  
Will Bentley, Georgia Agribusiness Council

*Testimony opposing the Bill:*

Damon Mullis, Ogeechee River Keeper.  
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee River Keeper

**Committee Recommendation: HB 545/CSFA No action taken**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 5:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 4:04 p.m.

**HB 545 (Rep. McCall, 33rd, HB 545/CSFA) Nuisances; treatment of agricultural facilities and operations and forest land; provisions**

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion to **amend** the proposed substitute to HB 545 (LC 44 1394S) by inserting at the end of line 109 the words “the first”. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Chair again recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion to **amend** the proposed substitute to HB 545 (LC 44 1394S) on line 108 by changing the word “five” to “one”. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-7.

Sen. Heath (31st) and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th) Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted against the motion.

The Chair again recognized Sen. Heath (31st) who made a motion to **amend** the proposed substitute to HB 545 (LC 44 1394S) on 110 by changing the word “two” to “one”. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-7.

Sen. Heath (31st) and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Karinshak (48th) who made a motion to **amend** the proposed substitute to HB 545 (LC 44 1394S) on line 110 by changing the word “two” to “four”. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-6.

Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted against of the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) who made a motion that **HB 545 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1394S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Wilkinson (50th) will carry the bill.

**NOTE:** Sen. Karinshak (48th) served notice of her intent to file a minority report on HB 545.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 545 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1394S)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 4:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Room 450 of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 4:33 p.m.

**SB 362 (Sen. Wilkinson, 50th, LC 44 1381), Livestock Running at Large or Straying; impounding animals and disposing of impounded animals; change the fees**

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee, then opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 362 Do Pass (LC 44 1381)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 362 DO PASS (LC 44 1381)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 4:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Room 450 of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) were absent.

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Heath (31st) and Sen. Karinshak (48th) arrived at 4:18 p.m.

**SB 346 (Sen. Black, 8th, LC 44 1387), State Board of Veterinary Medicine; membership; increase; registered veterinary technician member; authorize**

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) to present the bill to the Committee. Sen. Black (8th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 4:20 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Justin Toth, Georgia Veterinary Medicine Association

The Chair recognized Sen. Karinshak (48th) who made a motion that **SB 346 Do Pass (LC 44 1387)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Sims (12th) Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 346 DO PASS (LC 44 1387)**



**SB 396 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 34 5625), State Symbols; pecan as the official state nut; designate**

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) to present the bill to the Committee. Sen. Walker (20th) 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:*

Stephanie Stuckey, Stuckey's Corporation  
Jake Tench, Georgia Agribusiness Council

The Chair recognized Sen. Karinshak (48th) who made a motion that **SB 366 Do Pass (LC 34 5625)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Sims (12th) Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

**Committee Recommendation: SB 396 DO PASS (LC 34 5625)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th) was absent.

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived 4:22 p.m.

**SB 358 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 45 0376), State Symbols; muscadine grape as the office state grape; designate**

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

Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the Committee.

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*  
Chris Paulk, Paulk Farms

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) who made a motion that **SB 358 Do Pass (LC 45 0376)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 358 DO PASS (LC 45 0376)**

**SB 468 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 44 1461), Dogs; animal shelters to accept registration of veterans' service dogs; require**

The Chair recognized Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Karinshak (48th) and Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 4:27 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 468 Do Pass (LC 44 1461)**. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 468 DO PASS (LC 44 1461)**

**SB 381** (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 33 8225), “Georgia Food Act”; certain information obtained by the Department of Agriculture from the federal Food and Drug Administration; confidential and not subject to disclosure; provide

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

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Natalie Adan, Georgia Department of Agriculture

Ashley Seller, Georgia Department of Agriculture General Counsel

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion that **SB 381 Do Pass (LC 33 8225)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-2.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Karinshak (48th) and Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 381 DO PASS (LC 33 8225)**

**SB 338** (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 45 0361), Animal Protection; annual license fees; provide

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

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Commissioner Gary Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture

Frank Mulcahy, Georgia Canine Coalition Counsel

Alan Smith, Houston County Animal Cruelty Center

Claudine Wilkins, Animal Law Source

David Cosey, Friends of the Perry Animal Shelter

**NOTE:** Sen. Heath (31th) arrived at 4:53 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) who made a motion that **SB 338 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 45 0707S)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion.

Sen. Karinshak (48th) offered an **amendment** to add after the word cruelty to animals “pursuant to O.C.G.A. 16-12-4 or Dog Fighting pursuant to O.C.G.A. 16-12-7”. The amendment passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the amendment.

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

Sen. Walker (20th) offered an **amendment** to make the bill effective January 1, 2021. The amendment passed unanimously.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the amendment.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be incorporated into a perfected Committee Substitute.

The Committee then took up Sen. Walker’s (20th) motion that **SB 338 Do Pass By Substitute**. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Heath (31st) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 338 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1481S)**

**SB 434 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 45 0422), Waste Management; plastic bags and food service disposable containers composed of polystyrene foam; prohibit**

The Chair recognized Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Sen. Harrell (40th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair indicated that SB 434 would receive a hearing only.

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Kevin Jesilnick, Chatahoochee River Keeper  
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Alex Muir, One Hundred Mile  
Steve Combs, Surfrides Foundation of Georgia

*Testimony opposing the Bill:*

Kathy Kuzava, Georgia Food Industry Association  
John Poole, Paper and Forest Products Association  
Wes Robinson, Georgia Chemistry Council

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 434 (LC 45 0422) No Action Taken**

**HB 777 (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 47 0250), Community Affairs, Department of; consider amending the state minimum standard codes to allow tall mass timber construction types; direct**

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett (174th) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Rep. Corbett (174th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 777 Do Pass (LC 47 0250)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th) Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Wilkinson (50th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 777 DO PASS (LC 47 0250)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 5:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. in the Room 450 of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Bill Heath (31st)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)  
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Summers (13th) was appointed to Serve as a permanent member of the Committee. A copy of his letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

The Chair introduced Sen. Summers (13th) to the Committee.

Sen. Summers (13th) moved to appoint Jimmy Clements to the Georgia Seed Development Commission. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Summers (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th) moved to appoint Buddy Leger to the Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Summers (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Dean Burke (11th) arrived at 4:50 p.m.

**HB 847 (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 44 1462S), Hemp farming; definitions, penalties and criminal background checks; provide**

The Chair called on Rep. John Corbett (174th) to present 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:*

None

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

William and Clayton Rodriguez, Archaic Farmstead

Reverend Gregory Karl Davis

Aviva Vuvuzela, Georgia Hemp Economic Revival Organization

Reggie Reese, The Green Toad Hemp Farm

Sen. Karinshak (48th) offered an **amendment** to change line 128 to strike \$50,000 per year and replace it with \$10,000 per year. The amendment failed by a vote of 4-6.

Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the amendment.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Heath (31st), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted against the amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) who made a motion that **HB 847 Do Pass (LC 44 1462S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-3.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Summers (13th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Sims (12th), and voted against the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 847 DO PASS (LC 44 1462S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left at 5:55 p.m.

**HB 894 (Rep. Meeks, 178th, LC 44 1464S), Seed Development Commission; stagger terms of members**

The Chair called on Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) presented the bill to the Committee.



The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 894 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1503S)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Summers (13th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 894 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1503S)**

**[HB 897](#) (Rep. Burchett, 176th, LC 44 1388), State Forestry Commission; create a standing timber notification website; require**

The Chair recognized Rep. James Burchett (176th) to present 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:*

Tom Beyer, Georgia Forestry Association

Kathleen Bowen, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 897 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 44 1505S)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Summers (13th) and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 897 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1505S)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Secretary

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary

**Office of Lieutenant Governor**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

Geoff Duncan  
Lieutenant Governor

June 2, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and with consent of the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint Senator Carden Summers to serve as a member of the following Senate Committees:

**Agriculture and Consumer Affairs**

**Interstate Cooperation**

**Economic Development and Tourism**

**State Institutions and Property**

Sincerely,

/s/ Geoff Duncan  
Geoff Duncan  
Lieutenant Governor

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs  
Friday, June 19, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. in the Room 310 in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Zahra Karinshak (48th) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)  
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Sen. Bill Heath (31st), Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) and Sen. Larry Walker (20th) were absent.

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th) arrived at 8:53 a.m.

**[HB 1039](#) (Rep. Watson, (172nd), LC 36 4205), Contracts; additional protections for consumers who enter into service contracts that contain lengthy automatic renewal provisions; provide**

The Chair called on Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) to present 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:*

None

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Misty Holcomb, Entertainment Software Association

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th), who made a motion that **HB 1039 Do Pass (LC 36 4205)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Rahman (5th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Black (8th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1039 DO PASS (LC 36 4205)**

**HB 1093 (Rep. Meeks, 178th, LC 44 1517S), Agriculture; provide for an Agriculture Commodity Commission for Wine and Grapes**

The Chair called on Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to **amend** the effective date on line 22 to September 1. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the amendment. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Karinshak (48th) arrived at 9:05 a.m.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be incorporated into a perfected Committee Substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th), who made a motion that **HB 1093 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Karinshak (48th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the amendment.

Sen. Anderson (24th) will carry the bill.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1093 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1517S)**

Chairman Wilkinson (50th) adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Chairman

/s/ Ryann Miller, Recording Secretary