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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION
RULES--2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be 3 members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. 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.
4. The Committee shall reconvene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairman.
6. No member of the Committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
7. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote, which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.
8. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
10. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation
Thursday, March 5, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation met on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Room 125 of the State Capitol.

The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) Vice Chairwoman

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)

Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex- Officio)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th) and Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) authorized Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) to preside in her absence. A copy of the letter of authorization is attached.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation, as an Ex-Officio member, by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on March 5, 2020. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairwoman Sims (12th) called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

SB 484 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 30 8110) “Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases”; adopt

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Rep. Jim Butler of the Ohio General Assembly

Sheila Humberstone of ALS Association of Atlanta

Hillary Thrower of Emory University & Healthcare

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jordan (6th) who made a motion that **SB 484 Do Pass (LC 30 8110)**. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 484 DO PASS (LC 30 8110)

HB 752 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 41 2339S) “National background checks by FBI through Georgia Crime Information Center for licensing to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant; provide”

The Chair recognized Rep. Dave Belton (112th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Belton (112th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harbison (15th) who made a motion that **HB 752 Do Pass (LC 41 2339S)**. Sen. Jordan (6th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Sponsor for the bill is Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Committee Recommendation: HB 752 DO PASS (LC 41 2339S)

Chairwoman Sims (12th) adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Vice-Chairwoman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

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March 4, 2020

Mr. David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30034

Dear Mr. Cook,

I have authorized Senator Freddie Powell Sims, Vice-Chair of the Interstate Cooperation Committee, to preside in the capacity and authority of Chairman in my absence from the Committee meeting being held Thursday, March 5, 2020 in 125 CAP at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Donzella James'. The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of 'D' and 'J' being particularly prominent.

Senator Dr. Donzella James, Chairwoman
Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee



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March 5, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, I hereby appoint **Senator Chuck Payne** to serve as an **Ex-Officio** for the Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee for **March 5, 2020**.

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: Sen. Donzella James, Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne, Appointee

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June 29, 2020

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Cook,

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation during the 2020 Legislative session:

SR 173

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donzella James".

Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation
Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation met on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Donzella James (35th), Chairwoman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Vice Chairwoman (*Left Early*)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)

NOTE: Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th), Sen. Carden Summers (13th), and Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) were absent.

Chairwoman James (35th) called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

[HR 164](#) (Rep. Powell, 171st, HR 164/AP) “General Assembly; dedication of revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were imposed”; authorize

The Chair stated that HR 164 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Rep. William Boddie of the Georgia General Assembly
Councilwoman Hattie Portis-Jones of the Fairburn City Council
Al Bartell of the Coalition of South Metro Elected Officials Environmental Subcommittee
Rep. Debbie Butner of the Georgia General Assembly
Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley
Rep. Becky Evans of the Georgia General Assembly
Neil Herring of the Sierra Club
Sarah Visser of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Jesse Demonbruen-Chapman of the “Coosa” Riverkeepers Work and Interest
Emory Morsberger of the Metro South Community Improvement District
Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd of the Atlanta City Council

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 11:03 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Committee Recommendation: HR 164 (HR 164/AP) No Action Taken

Chairwoman James (35th) adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Donzella James (35th), Chairwoman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary