

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
2021 ROSTER**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**2021-2022 RULES**

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order substitutes or amendments 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 Subcommittee for study. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. Any Member or Members of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
6. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill or resolution or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
8. 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.
9. Unless approved by the Chairman, all amendments or substitute bills must be submitted to the Chairman at least 24 hours before adoption by 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 FINANCE**  
**January 27, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) presented the Committee Rules.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that the **Committee Rules be adopted**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 6** (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 44 1558) “Tax Credit return on Investment Act of 2021”; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller arrived at 3:36 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert arrived at 3:39 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch left early at 3:43 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hickman (4th) who made a motion that **SB 6 Do Pass (LC 44 1558)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 6 DO PASS (LC 44 1558)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 1, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**SB 1 (Sen. Burke, 11th, LC 33 8477) Georgia All-Payer Claims Database; entities that receive certain tax credits; self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans are submitting entities; provide**

The Chair stated that SB 1 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dean Burke (11th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Burke (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 1 (LC 33 8477) No action was taken.**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 3, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Butch Miller (49th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**SB 57 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 43 1766) Fiscal Bills; economic analyses to be conducted by the state auditor for certain tax benefits upon request by the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee; provide**

The Chair stated that SB 7 will receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:39 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Thompson (14th) arrived at 3:42 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) and Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 3:43 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 57 (LC 43 1766) No action was taken.**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 10, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, February 10, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) *Ex-Officio (Arrived Late) (Left Early)*  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) *(Left Early)*  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) *(Arrived Late)*  
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. John Albers (56th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**SB 56 (Sen. Rahman, 5th, LC 43 1767) Fiscal Bills; economic analysis prior to the introduction or amendment of legislation containing tax incentives or modifying or extending existing tax incentives; required**

The Chair stated that SB 56 would receive a hearing only.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:34 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**Note:** Sen. Burt Jones (25th) left at 3:38 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Note:** Sen. Burt Jones (25th) returned at 3:40 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 56 (LC 43 1767) No action was taken.**

**SB 58 (Sen. Parent, 42nd, LC 43 1726) Income taxes; refundable earned income tax credit; rules and regulations; provide**

The Chair stated that SB 58 would receive a hearing only.



The Chair recognized Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:50 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Daniel Kanso of GBPI

Rachel Shanklin of Small Business Majority

Megan Middleton of Atlanta Community Food Bank

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 58 (LC 43 1726) No action was taken.**

**Note:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Jones (25th) left at 4:12 p.m.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 17, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, February 17, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) *Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)*  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Left Early*)

**Note:** Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) and Sen. Burt Jones (25th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Note:** Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 3:37 p.m.

**SB 148** (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 43 1922S) 2021 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians and the Special Joint Committee on Georgia Revenue Structure; create

**Note:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) authorized Sen. Albers (56th) to preside for this bill.

The Vice-Chairman recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

**Note:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:38 p.m.

**Note:** Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 3:39 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Note:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion **SB 148 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1922S)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 148 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 42 1922S)**

**HB 265 (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 43 1850) Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; define terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law**

**Note:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) resumed his position as Chairman.

The Chair 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:*

John Foster of the Georgia Department of Revenue

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

**Note:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:52 p.m.

**Note:** Sen. Thompson (14th) left at 3:52 p.m.

**Note:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 3:54 p.m.

**Note:** Sen. Albers (56th) left at 3:55 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **HB 265 Do Pass (LC 43 1850)**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 265 (LC 43 1850) Do Pass.**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 22, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (*Ex-Officio*) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**[SB 193](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 44 1661) Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; requiring that mobile homes procure and display decals; grant counties the option**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived in 1:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Payne (54th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **SB 193 Do Pass (LC 44 1661)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 193 (LC 44 1661) Do Pass.**

**[SB 201](#) (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 43 1889) Revenue and Taxation; financial institutions to provide certain information related to delinquent taxpayers to the Department of Revenue under certain conditions; require**

**Note:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) authorized Sen. Albers (56th) to preside for this bill.

The Chair recognized Sen. 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. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Dominick Capotosto of the Georgia Department of Revenue  
Scott Purvis of the Georgia Department of Revenue

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 1:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:12 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (25th) left at 1:13 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 201 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1938S)**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 201 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1938S).**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**February 24, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, February 24th, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Butch Miller (49th) and Sen. Burt Jones (25th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**SB 213 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 49 0438) Contracts and Purchases by Public Schools; payment on guaranteed energy saving contracts; proceeds from local option sales taxes collected for educational purposes; provide**

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:37 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 213 (LC 49 0438) No Action was Taken**

**SB 31 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 33 8526) Indigent and Elderly Patients; establishment of a pilot program to conduct a simulated exchange for health care facilities to purchase and sell charity care credits to meet their charity care requirements; provide**

**Note:** Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) authorized Sen. Albers (56th) to preside for this bill.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left early at 4:14 p.m.

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson returned at 4:16 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Rep. Todd Jones, 25th, of the Georgia House of Representatives

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) left at 4:32 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Brandy Sylvan of the Georgia Department of Community Health

Tim Kibler of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Ethan James of the Georgia Hospital Association

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) returned at 4:37 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion that **SB 31 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 8695S)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Orrock voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 31 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8695S)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 2, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) and Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**[SB 199](#)** (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 43 1900 Taxes on Tobacco and Vaping Products; sale and delivery of tobacco products by licensed manufacturers located outside of this state; permit

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) 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:*

Rusty Sewel of the Georgia Capital Partners

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) arrived late at 12:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Thompson (14th) and Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived late at 12:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 12:09 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.



The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 199 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1958S)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 199 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 1958S)**

**SB 213** (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 49 0438) **Contracts and Purchases by Public Schools; payment on guaranteed energy saving contracts; proceeds from local option sales taxes collected for educational purposes; provide**

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

Mark Woodall of the Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) left at 12:18 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) returned at 12:20 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **SB 213 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0483S)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 213 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0483S)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 10, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**[HB 63](#) (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, LC 43 1876S) Alternative ad valorem tax; motor vehicles; revise definition of fair market value**

The Chair recognized Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Blackmon (146th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 3:37 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 63 Do Pass (LC 43 1876S)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 63 Do Pass (LC 43 1876S)**

**[HB 149](#) (Rep. Williamson, 115th, LC 43 1908S) Income tax; certain elections to be made by Subchapter “S” corporations and partnerships for the filing of tax returns and imposition of taxes; allow**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williamson (115th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 149 Do Pass (LC 43 1908S)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 149 Do Pass (LC 43 1908S)**

**HB 271** (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 33 8672S) **Community Health Department of; assess one or more provider matching payments on ambulance services; authorize**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 271 Do Pass (LC 33 8672S)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 271 Do Pass (LC 33 8672S)**

**HB 292** (Rep. Williams, 148th, LC 43 1808) **Ad valorem tax; property; remove certain training requirements for members of county boards of equalization following their initial training for their first term**

The Chair recognized Rep. Noel Williams, Jr. (148th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williams (148th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:47 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **HB 292 Do Pass (LC 43 1808)**. Sen. Hickman (4th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 292 Do Pass (LC 43 1808)**

**HB 374** (Rep. Gaines, 117th, LC 43 1855) **Sales and use tax; local authorities providing public water or sewer service; exempt**

The Chair recognized Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gaines (117th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 3:53 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **HB 374 Do Pass (LC 43 1855)**. Sen. Cowser (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 374 Do Pass (LC 43 1855)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 15, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Monday, March 15th, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**[HB 511](#) (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 43 1960-ECS) State treasury; establishment or revision of certain Trust Funds; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

John Eunice of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
Sarah Visser of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
Stephanie Beck of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget  
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:17 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **HB 511 Do Pass (LC 43 1960-ECS)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 511 Do Pass (LC 43 1960-ECS)**

**HB 114 (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 33 8512EC) Income tax; adoption of foster children; revise tax credit**

The Chair recognized Rep. Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 1:48 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Director Tom Rawlings of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 114 Do Pass (LC 33 8512EC)**. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 114 Do Pass (LC 33 8512EC)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 16, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Tuesday, March 16th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), and Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**HB 593 (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, LC 43 1928) Tax Relief Act of 2021; enact**

The Chair recognized Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Blackmon (146th) 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:*

Danny Kanso of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 8:11 a.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who made a motion that **HB 593 Do Pass (LC 43 1928)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 593 Do Pass (LC 43 1928)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 17, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 3:37 p.m.

**[HB 451](#) (Rep. Lumsden, 12th, LC 43 1820ER) Ad valorem tax; property; fair market value applicable to inventor; provisions**

The Chair recognizes Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Lumsden (12th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Payne (56th) arrived at 3:38 p.m. Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 3:39 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers (56th) arrived at 3:40 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion **HB 451 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1990ERS)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 451 (LC 43 1990ERS) Do Pass by Substitute.**

**[HB 611](#) (Rep. Cheokas, 138th, LC 50 0185) State government; definition of small business; change**

The Chair recognized Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cheokas (138th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 3:45 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) returned at 3:49 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 611 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 50 0214S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 611 (LC 50 0214S) Do Pass by Substitute.**

**HB 498** (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1917) Ad valorem tax; property; expand an exemption for agricultural equipment and certain farm products

The Chair recognized Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) presented the bill to the committee.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) left at 3:55 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) returned at 4:00 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion **HB 498 Do Pass (LC 43 1917)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 498 (LC 43 1917) Do Pass.**

**HB 282** (Rep. Meeks, 178th, LC 43 1880S) Ad valorem tax; qualified timberland property; add a definition

The Chair recognized Rep. Steven Meeks (178th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Meeks (178th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) left at 4:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) returned at 4:03 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 282 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 1993S)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 282 (LC 43 1993S) Do Pass by Substitute.**

**HB 160 (Rep. Boddie, 62nd, LC 43 1787) Revenue and taxation; water and sewer projects and costs tax (MOST); provide for audits of tax by state auditor under certain conditions**

The Chair recognized Rep. William Boddie (62nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Boddie (62nd) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 4:11 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham, City of East Point

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Larry Ramsey of ACCG

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers (56th) left at 4:35 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 160 (LC 43 2004S) No action was taken.**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 4:45 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) and Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m.

**HB 32 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 43 1950S/HCS) Income tax; credit for teacher recruitment and retention program; provide**

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers (56th) arrived at 4:56 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to change "December 31, 2031" on line 162 to "December 31, 2026". Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who made a motion that **HB 32 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 32 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 43 2019S)**

**[HB 587](#) (Rep. Williamson, 115th, LC 43 1970S) Georgia Economic Renewal Act of 2021;  
enact**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williamson (115th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 5:05 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 5:09 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **HB 587 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2010S)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 587 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 43 2010S).**

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) left early at 5:13 p.m.

**[HB 517](#) (Rep. Carson, 46th, LC 49 0502S) Education; calculation of minimum revenue obligations for scholarships and tuition grants; provide for the inclusion of earned interest**

The Chair recognized Rep. John Carson (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carson (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion that **HB 517 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0545S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Orrock (36th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 517 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0545S).**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Diego Santana, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**March 24, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance held a meeting on Wednesday, March 24th, at 4:45 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. John Albers (56th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

**[HB 317](#) (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 43 1905) Excise tax; revise definition of innkeeper to include marketplace facilitators; provisions**

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) who offered the amendment (**AM 43 0196**).

Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that (**AM 43 0196**) be tabled.

Sen. Miller (49th) withdrew his motion to table and made a new motion that (**AM 43 0196**) be adopted. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-2).

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.



Sen. Jones (25th) and Sen. Gooch (51st) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to strike line 62 through line 70. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to change “\$5.00” on line 62 to “\$4.50”. The motion failed for lack of a second.

**Note:** Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Thomson (14th) who made a motion **HB 317 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-3.

Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be incorporated into a perfected committee substitute.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 317 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2026S).**

**HB 469** (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 44 1719) **Income tax; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credits**

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

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (25th) left at 1:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to strike Section 2. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (25th) returned at 1:21 p.m.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion **HB 469 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 469 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 2027S)**

**HB 477 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1893) Income tax; applications for credit for qualified donations of real property; extend sunset date**

The Chair recognized Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) offered an amendment to change line 11 to “shall not exceed \$20 million through December 31, 2026”. Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 477 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 477 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2028S)**

**HB 586 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 1966) Georgia Economic Recovery Act of 2021; enact**

The Chair recognizes Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) 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:*

Rep. Bert Reeves (34th)

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) left at 1:40 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) returned at 1:41 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to strike “fifth” and replace with “tenth” on line 323 and line 330. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion **HB 586 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 586 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2029S)**

**HB 588 (Rep. Jasperse, 11th, LC 39 2980S) Transportation; eligible expenditures; Georgia Freight Railroad Program; provisions**

The Chair recognized Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Jasperse (11th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Thompson (14th) left at 1:50 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hickman (4th) left at 1:59 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who offered the an amendment to add after line 416 the following language: “The sales and use tax described in subsection (b) and appropriated to the Department of Transportation shall be utilized for capital construction or routine maintenance on freight rail assets owned or leased by a common carrier regulated by the United States Surface Transportation Board located on or connected to publicly owned roads and allocated on a formula determined by total miles of track operated in the state of Georgia.” Sen. Payne (54th) made a motion to adopt the amendment. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to strike from line 462 “and the director of planning of the” and strike from line 463 “Department of Transportation or his or her designee” and by inserting the word “an” between the words “as” and “ex” on line 463. Sen Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion **HB 588 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2031TS)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 588 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2031TS)**

**HB 575 (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 43 1985S) Ad valorem tax; authorize on premises processing and marketing of agricultural products as a qualifying conservation use**

The Chair recognized Sen. John Kennedy (18th) and Rep. Dale Washburn (141st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kennedy (18th) and Rep. Washburn (141st) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Thompson (14th) returned at 2:09 p.m.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion **HB 575 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1754S)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 575 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1754S)**

**HB 160 (Rep. Boddie, 62nd, LC 43 1787) Revenue and taxation; water and sewer projects and costs tax (MOST); provide for audits of tax by state auditor under certain conditions**

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who made a motion **HB 160 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2004S)**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Jones (25th), and Sen. Thompson (14th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 160 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 2004S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers (56th) and Sen. Orrock (36th) left at 2:24 p.m.

**HB 574 (Rep. Camp, 131st, LC 44 1617) Animals; Companion Local Government Animal Trust Fund for reimbursement of impoundment expenses incurred by local governments; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Beth Camp (131st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Camp (131st) presented the bill to the committee.

Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

**NOTE:** Sen. Orrock (36th) returned at 2:26 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion **HB 574 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1722S)**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 574 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1722S)**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Deigo Santana, Recording Secretary