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2021-2022 Roster

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Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
2021-2022 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, February 1st, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) was absent.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 3:20 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) and Sen. Goodman (8th) arrived at 3:21 p.m.

Propane Commodity Commission of Georgia Appointment: Anthony Clifton

The Chair recognized Anthony Clifton as the Propane Commodity Commission of Georgia Appointee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion to nominate **Anthony Clifton to the Propane Commodity Commission of Georgia**. Sen. Burns (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

SB 363: (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 36 5029) “Fair Business Practices Act of 1975,”; class action suits and for damages for violating the requirements for solicitations for corporate filings; provide.

The Chair recognized Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tillery (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion to **amend SB 363 (LC 36 5029)**. The amendment would strike “\$100” in line 31 and adds “\$200” in its place. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion passes with a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Burns (23rd) voted against the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **SB 363 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion

Committee Recommendation: SB 363 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0089S).

SB 364: (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 36 4914) “Telephone Service,”; class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Tillery (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tillery (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) left at 3:35 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **SB 364 Do Pass (LC 36 4914)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously, with a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 364 DO PASS (LC 36 4914).

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, February 3rd, 2022

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

SB 396: (Sen. Goodman, 8th, LC 51 0056) Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); rename such program the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB).

The Chair recognized Sen. Goodman (8th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Goodman (8th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:
Danah Craft, Georgia Food Bank Association

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:
None

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 396 Do Pass (LC 51 0056)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 396 DO PASS (LC 51 0056)

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left at 2:33 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) left at 2:57 p.m.

SB 371: (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 28 0372) Fraud; for-profit credit repair services; authorize.

The Vice-Chair (24th) recognized the Chair (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. The Chair (20th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Liz Coyle, Georgia Watch

Bryan Fiveash, Georgia Financial Services Association

Eric Kamerath, Progrexion

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: SB 371 (LC 28 0372) No Action Taken

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Tuesday, February 7th 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 7th, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) and Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

SB 445: (Sen. Burns, 23rd, LC 44 1888) National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974; civil penalties; revise

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Burns (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Weston Burleson, Georgia Department of Insurance

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion that **SB 445 Do Pass (LC 44 1888)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 445 DO PASS (LC 44 1888)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, February 17th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) were absent.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

SB 481: (Sen. Jackson, 41st, LC 51 0017) "Georgia Hemp Farming Act,"; allow persons convicted of any misdemeanor or a felony not related to a state or federally controlled substance within ten years to grow industrial hemp.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jackson (41st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

The Chair asked Katherine Russell from the Senate Research Office to address the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Aviva and Scribbles, GA Hemp Economic Revival

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **SB 481 Do Pass (LC 51 0017)**. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Burns (23rd), and Sen. Goodman (8th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 481 DO PASS (LC 51 0017)

SB 512: (Sen. Payne, 54th, LC 39 3166) Animal Fighting; Prohibition on Animal Fighting, Minors as Spectators, Animal Fighting Objects

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Payne (54th) was joined by Theresa Robertson to present the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Mike Griffin, GA Baptist Mission Board

Taylor Hawkins, Front Line Policy

Paul Smith, Citizen Impact

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **SB 512** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 512 (LC 39 3166) No Action Taken

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, February 24h, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, February 24th, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) and Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) were absent.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

SB 486: (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 51 0075) Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane; full or partial remote communication with regard to public hearings; provide.

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

NOTE: Sen. Burns (23rd) arrived at 2:25 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 486 Do Pass (LC 51 0075)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 486 DO PASS (LC 51 0075)

Georgia Seed Development Commission Appointment: Jimmy Clements

The Chair recognized Jimmy Clements as the Georgia Seed Development Commission Appointee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion to **nominate Jimmy Clements to the Georgia Seed Development Commission**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

SB 371: (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 28 0372) Fraud; for-profit credit repair services; authorize.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Christian Caballero, Progrexion

Skin Edge, Progrexion

Andrew Chapple, Faith Church

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

Liz Coyle, Georgia Watch

Michelle Jones, Money Management International

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **SB 371 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 28 0485S)**. Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Sen. Summers (13th), Sen. Walker (20th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Hatchett (50th), and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) and Sen. Rahman (5th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 371 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0485S)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, March 3rd, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

SB 537: (Sen. Jones II, 22nd, 48 0554) "Georgia Food Insecurity Eradication Act"; enact.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones II (22nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Amy Sharma, Science 4 Georgia
Kwabena “Cubby” N Kromo, Georgia Food Policy
Janice Williams, Perry’s Promise

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 537 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 48 0574S)**. Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 537 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 48 0574S)

SB 303: (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 44 1663) Dogs; standards for commercial breeders; facilities; care of dogs; breeding of dogs; provide.

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 questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Janice Williams, Perry's Promise

Frank Mulcahy, Georgia Canine Coalition

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **SB 303** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 303 (LC 44 1663) No Action Taken

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Monday, March 7th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

SB 512: (Sen. Payne, 54th, LC 39 3166) Gambling; dogfighting; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Payne (54th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) arrived at 2:09 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) left at 2:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) returned at 2:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 2:19 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 512 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3371S)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 10-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 512 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3371S)

SB 303: (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 44 1663) Dogs; standards for commercial breeders; facilities; care of dogs; breeding of dogs; provide.

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 questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Frank Mulcaly, Georgia Canine Coalition

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

Tamara Feliciano, Animal Welfare Attorney

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **SB 303** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 303 (LC 44 1663) No Action Taken

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) left at 3:00 p.m.

SB 572: (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 36 5163) Taxes On Tobacco And Vaping Products; Attorney General to establish a vapor product directory; provide.

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Jennifer Cunningham, Juul Labs Inc.

Angela Holland, Georgia Association of Convenience Stores

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

Gregory Conley, American Vaping Association

Susan Stutzman, Georgia Vaping Alliance

Keith Gossett, Bucky's Vape Shop/Georgia Vape Association

Lisa Gano, Georgia Vape Association/VapeRite

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) left at 3:28 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) returned at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) returned at 3:32 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion to **amend 572 (LC 36 5248S)**. The amendment would strike "2022" in line 12 and add "2024" in its place, strike "2022" in line 29 and add "2024" in its place, strike "2022" in line 37 and add "2024" in its place. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion that **SB 572 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0165S)**. Sen. Burns (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2.

Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Summers (13th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Burke (11th), and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) and Sen. Goodman (8th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 572 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0165S)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Monday, March 14th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Monday, March 14th, 2022 at 4 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Hatchett (50th) arrived at 4:02 p.m.

HB 1303: (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 51 0102) Education; transition a pilot program for elementary agricultural education to an ongoing program

The Chair recognized Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 4:05 p.m.
The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Joel McKie, Georgia Vocational Agricultural Teacher's Association

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 1303 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0161S)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Burns (23rd) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1303.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1303 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0161S)

HB 1150: (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 51 0143S) Freedom to Farm Act; enact

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 4: 15 p.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **HB 1150** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1150 No Action Taken (LC 51 0143S)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, March 17th, 2022

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, March 17th, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) and Sen. Dean Burke (11th) were absent.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

The Chair announced the creation of two subcommittees and appointed the following members:

Raw Milk Subcommittee

Sen. Anderson (24th), Chair
Sen. Jackson (41st)
Sen. Summers (13th)

Building and Housing Subcommittee

Sen. Goodman (8th), Chair
Sen. Burns (23rd)
Sen. Rhaman (5th)

HB 508: (Rep. Carpenter, 4th, LC 36 4672) Commerce and trade; commercial recordings, musical performances, and audiovisual works; provide protections

The Chair recognized Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carpenter (4th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burns (23rd) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Mala Sharma, Georgia Music Partners and Recording Academy
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 508 Do Pass (LC 36 4672)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 508 DO PASS (LC 36 4672)

SB 578: (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 51 0080) Standards, Labeling, and Adulteration of Food; operation, licensure, inspection, labeling requirements, enforcement, and regulation of home kitchen operations; authorize

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

David Owen and Jay Morgan, Shef

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill

Karen Bremer, Georgia Restaurant Association

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **SB 578** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 578 (LC 51 0080) No Action Taken

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Klynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Monday, March 21st, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Monday, March 21st, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

HB 1496: (Rep. Gullett, 19th, LC 44 1073S) Animals; sheriff impounding livestock running at large to donate livestock to an animal rescue organization or private individual; authorize

The Chair recognized Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gullett (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **HB 1496** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1496 No Action Taken (LC 44 2073S)

HB 1150: (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 51 0143S) Freedom to Farm Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Dale Sandlin, Georgia Cattlemen's Association
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Association
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
Will Bentley, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Ag Council

Andres Viegas, Georgia Forestry Association

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

Neill Herring, Georgia Chapter of Sierra Club

Charlotte Swancy, Self

April Lipscomb, Southern Environmental Law Center

Henry Jackson, Self

Ed Kniesel, Self

Philip Hodges, Self

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) left at 2:09 p.m.

The Chair announced that no action would be taken on **HB 1150** during this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1150 (LC 51 0143S) No Action Taken

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Thursday, March 24th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), and Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) were absent.

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

HB 1175: (Rep. Pirkle, 155th, LC 51 0137S) Georgia Raw Dairy Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Pirkle (155th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Goodman (8th) arrived at 10:07 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) arrived at 10:08 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 10:12 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion to **table HB 1175 (LC 51 0137S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1175 (LC 51 0137S) No Further Action Taken

HB 1443: (Rep. Gaines, 117th, LC 54 0075S) Mobile food service establishments; operate in county of origin or other counties without an additional permit; provide

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Tony West, Americans for Prosperity

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HB 1443 Do Pass (LC 54 0075S)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. John Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1303.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1443 DO PASS (LC 54 0075S)

Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission Appointment: Russ Moon

The Chair recognized Russ Moon as the Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission Appointee.

The Chair made a motion to **nominate Russ Moon to the Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Summers (13th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Burns (23rd), and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

HB 1384: (Rep. Jenkins, 132nd, LC 51 0110) Buildings and housing; amend Georgia state minimum standard codes to authorize certain uses of ungraded lumber; require

The Chair recognized Rep. Dominic LaRicca (169th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. LaRicca (169th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **HB 1384 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0189S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Summers (13th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Burns (23rd), and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) voted against the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1303.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1384 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0189S)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Kylynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Monday, March 28th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs met on Monday, March 28th, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th), Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Freddie Sims (12th)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Walker (20th) called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

[HB 1496](#): (Rep. Gullett, 19th, LC 44 0173S) Animals; sheriff impounding livestock running at large to donate livestock to an animal rescue organization or private individual; authorize

The Chair recognized Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gullett (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HB 1496 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0196S)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1496.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1496 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0196S)

[HB 1175](#): (Rep. Pirkle, 155th, LC 51 0137S) Georgia Raw Dairy Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Pirkle (155th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 1175 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0197S)**. Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1175.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1175 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0197S)

HB 1150: (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 51 0143S) Freedom to Farm Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 1:48 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Sims (12th), who announced the Minority Caucus would be filing a Minority Report.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 1150 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 51 0194S)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-3.

Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Summers (13th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Hatchett (50th), and Sen. Harper (7th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Rahman (5th), and Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Walker (20th) will be the Senate Sponsor of HB 1150.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1150 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 51 0194S)

Chairman Walker (20th) adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Secretary

/s/ Klynn Gallagher, Recording Secretary