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This Week in the Senate

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Crossover Day Completed

Crossover Day has come and gone, and the Senate has officially concluded its ninth week of the legislative session. Albeit in surreal fashion.

First things first, though, let us remember the people's business that was conducted this week:

The Senate and House agreed to the conference committee report for the Amended 2020 Fiscal Year budget, and we passed 59 bills and resolutions. We also welcomed a new member to our ranks. Sen. Carden Summers (R – Cordele) was officially sworn in on Tuesday. It was a reminder, as we welcomed him to our Senate family, even as we

continue to mourn and remember his predecessor (some shoes are too enormous to ever fill) that life goes on.

Life sometimes has a funny way about how it goes on, however. And right now, as this semi-weekly goes to press, the life of the 2020 Georgia General Assembly is on an indefinite hiatus as we try to respond to the real-life and rather daunting pandemic that has been caused by COVID-19. This novel coronavirus is wreaking havoc on our daily lives, our pocket books, and our routines, sometimes to deadly effect. It is a serious situation, but a situation that, while our legislative business is on hold, we are continuing to monitor, in lock-step with the Governor and our good friends in the Georgia Department of Public Health. We found \$170 million to put in the aforementioned AFY 20 budget to help combat the illness and we stand ready to reconvene in the event that emergency powers need to be ratified.

Strange times are afoot. As so much of the state and our nation shuts down in the hopes of preventing the continued spread of the pandemic, we must remember that things will be normal again, and that we will prevail, God willing.

The Georgia General Assembly will return.

Senator Butch Miller
President Pro Tempore, Georgia Senate

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MONDAY, MARCH 9

Preventing Patient Brokering

Senate Bill 311, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would prohibit individuals from offering to pay or receive any commission for patient referrals, as well as deem excessive, fraudulent or high-tech drug testing as a fraudulent insurance act. SB 311 passed with a vote of 56 to 0. – **SB 311**

The FORUM Act

Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick) sponsored Senate Bill 318, which would establish unrestricted outdoor areas of public universities as forums for free expression and prohibit designated “free speech zones” at these universities. It would also allow athletic departments at these schools to implement disciplinary action against athletes who fail to comply with team regulations and policies. SB 318 passed with a vote of 32 to 21. – **SB 318**

Using Video Conferencing for Court Appearances

Senate Bill 344, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga), would allow prisoners and employees of the state crime lab to appear for certain court proceedings by video conference. SB 344 passed with a vote of 54 to 1. – **SB 344**

Ensuring Electronic Tax Returns for CEOs of Public Utilities

Sen. Chuck Payne (R – Dalton) sponsored Senate Bill 369, which would require Chief Executive Officers of public utilities to submit their annual tax returns electronically. SB 369 passed with a vote of 55 to 0. – **SB 369**

Early Prescription Refills During Emergencies Act

Senate Bill 391, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would require health insurers to allow early 30-day prescription refills during a state of emergency. This does not include early refills for Schedule II controlled substances. SB 391 passed with a vote of 55 to 0. – **SB 391**

Adjusting Procedures for Foster Family Involvement in Hearings

Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan) sponsored Senate Bill 439, which would modify the process for involving foster families in dependency proceedings, placement changes and post-termination proceedings. SB 439 passed with a vote of 54 to 0. – **SB 439**

Changing Regulations for Property Owners’ Association

Senate Bill 442, sponsored by Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), would prohibit the addition of certain amendments to the property owners’ association instrument that would stop a non-owner occupied lot from still being leased or rented. SB 442 passed with a vote of 33 to 20. – **SB 442**

Requiring Truthful Testimony to the Senate

Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga) sponsored Senate Resolution 459, which would strongly request anybody testifying before the Senate to tell the truth and prohibits those caught lying from testifying for the remainder of the legislative session. SR 459 passed with a vote of 54 to 0. – **SR 459**

Georgia Installment Loan Act

Senate Bill 462, sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would rename industrial loans as installment loans and transfer their regulation from the Industrial Loan Commissioner to the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance. SB 462 passed with a vote of 54 to 0. – **SB 462**

Commending Jessica Roberts

Senate Resolution 597, sponsored by Sen. Ed Harbison (D – Columbus), congratulated Jessica Nicole Roberts on winning Miss Columbus Outstanding Teen 2020. Ms. Roberts ran on the platform of “People Helping Animals, Animals Helping People,” which focused on supporting adoption efforts at local humane organizations. – *SR 597*

Recognizing the Gordon Lee High School Softball Team

Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga), sponsored Senate Resolution 673, which commended the Gordon Lee High School softball team for winning the 2019 Class A Georgia High School Association Fast Pitch State Championship. This win marked the Gordon Lee softball team’s fifth straight state championship under head coach Dana Mull. – *SR 673*

Honoring Mary Frances Early

Senate Resolution 726, sponsored by Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah) and presented by Sen. Horacena Tate (D – Atlanta), recognized Mary Frances Early for her contributions to the state of Georgia. Ms. Early was the first African American graduate of the University of Georgia and served as an educator with Atlanta Public Schools for 37 years. The University of Georgia recently received approval to dedicate the College of Education to Ms. Early. – *SR 726*

Georgia Golf Day at the State Capitol

Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan), sponsored Senate Resolution 881, which celebrated March 9, 2020, as Georgia Golf Day at the state Capitol. Georgia golf courses generate \$2.4 billion in economic impact, while also supporting close to 57,000 jobs. Sen. Brass was joined by the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association, a group dedicated to ensuring proper care and management of the state’s golf courses. – *SR 881*

Celebrating Dr. R. Derril Gay

Senate Resolution 628, sponsored by Sen. Jack Hill (R – Reidsville), honored Dr. R. Derril Gay for his work with the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards, which provides a safety net for those with mental health or developmental disabilities. Dr. Gay previously served on the DeKalb Community Service Board and with the Georgia Department of Public Health. – *SR 628*

Senate Welcomes Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Sen. Harold Jones (D – Augusta) recognized Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for their contributions to university students in Georgia. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded in 1911 and has grown to over 130,000 members across the country. Chapters in Georgia are members of the Southeastern Province of the fraternity, which also includes South Carolina and South Africa.



Senator Carden Summers Sworn-In to Georgia Senate

The Senate was joined by Georgia Supreme Court Justice Charles J. Bethel who administered the oath of office to newly elected Georgia Senator Carden Summers (R – Cordele). Sen. Summers was elected in a special election on March 3, 2020.



Senate Agreements

The Senate agreed to the House Amendment to the Senate Substitute on the following:

HB 164 (53-0)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Revising Criteria for Copayments

Senate Bill 28, sponsored by Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah), would define a health benefit plan and require copayments to be “reasonable” in relation to the benefit they cover. SB 28 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **SB 28**

Forming a Joint Study Committee for Transferring Oversight of Developmental Disabilities

Senate Resolution 194, sponsored by Sen. Greg Kirk (R – Americus) and presented by Sen. Mike Dugan (R – Carrollton), would create the Joint Study Committee on Transferring Oversight of Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Community Health. SR 194 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SR 194**

Allowing for Additional Staff Under Physicians

Senate Bill 321, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), would raise the number of physician assistants, anesthesiologist assistants and advanced practice registered nurses a physician can supervise at one time. It would also remove restrictions on where a physician assistant is authorized to practice. SB 321 passed with a vote of 50 to 1. – **SB 321**

Prohibiting Falsely Created, Sexually Explicit Images or Videos

Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White) sponsored Senate Bill 337, which would expand the prohibitions related to transmitting sexually explicit content to include falsely created images or videos. SB 337 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SB 337**

Changing Regulations for the Licensure of Pet Dealers and Animal Shelters

Senate Bill 338, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would authorize the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Agriculture to implement a fee tier, background check and surety on applicants for pet dealer or animal shelter licenses. It would also define “pet dealer” and raise the maximum allowable licensing fee. SB 338 passed with a vote of 43 to 3. – **SB 338**

Declaring the Official State Grape

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) sponsored Senate Bill 358, which would designate the muscadine grape as the official grape of Georgia. SB 358 passed with a vote of 50 to 2. – **SB 358**

Revising the Georgia Food Act

Senate Bill 381, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would allow certain information the Georgia Department of Agriculture obtains from the United States Food and Drug Administration to remain confidential. SB 381 passed with a vote of 46 to 0. – **SB 381**

Making Changes to the State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Senate Bill 346, sponsored by Sen. Ellis Black (R – Valdosta), would allow a registered veterinary technician member to join the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (SBVM) and would authorize the SBVM to create a professional program for impaired veterinarians. SB 346 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 346**

Revising the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act

Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford) sponsored Senate Bill 386, which would expand the eligibility for students to participate in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program and would adjust the scholarship calculation for the program. It would also require an appeals process for eligibility and scholarship calculations. SB 386 passed with a vote of 33 to 22. – **SB 386**

Implementing Requirements for Schools Distributing Surplus Food

Senate Bill 387, sponsored by Sen. Jen Jordan (D – Atlanta), would permit the Georgia Board of Education to set rules and regulations for schools distributing a surplus of prepared food. This includes ensuring that proper food safety requirements are followed. SB 387 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **SB 387**

Adding Penalties for Fraudulent Tax Filings

Senate Bill 388, sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would increase penalties for knowingly assisting with providing false information on tax returns, affidavits, claims or documents. SB 388 passed with a vote of 34 to 20. – **SB 388**

Expanding the Cobb Superior Court Circuit

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (R – Marietta) sponsored Senate Bill 405, which would raise the number of superior court judges on the Cobb Judicial Circuit from ten to eleven. SB 405 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SB 405**

Requiring Expedited Licensees to Undergo a Criminal Background Check

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta) sponsored Senate Bill 417, which would define an expedited licensee and expand the authority of the Georgia Composite Medical Board to determine if a fingerprint record for an expedited license background check is satisfactory. SB 417 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 417**



Permitting Additional Students to Take Courses at College and Career Academies

Senate Bill 430, sponsored by Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), would allow home school and private school students to take courses at an eligible college and career academy under certain conditions. SB 430 passed with a vote of 47 to 0. – **SB 430**

Revising Procedures for Garnishment

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) sponsored Senate Bill 443, which would establish uniform regulations on garnishment proceedings and actions. SB 443 passed with a vote of 47 to 0. – **SB 443**

Designating Certain Water and Sewer Agencies as Local Issuing Authorities

Senate Bill 445, sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would allow certain water and sewer authorities to be certified as a local issuing authority and to grant permits for land-disturbing activities in their service areas. SB 445 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **SB 445**

Establishing Definitions for Work-Based Learning and Related Programs

Sen. P.K. Martin (R – Lawrenceville) sponsored Senate Bill 447, which would provide definitions for work-based learning and related programs including internships, youth apprenticeships and cooperative educations programs. SB 447 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 447**

Modifying the Teacher Evaluation Process

Senate Bill 466, sponsored by Sen. P.K. Martin (R – Lawrenceville), would remove “needs development” from the group of ratings that can affect a teacher’s ability to renew their teaching certificate or earn creditable service. It also establishes a pilot program for an alternative educator evaluation system at up to ten school systems in Georgia. SB 466 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **SB 466**

Requiring Animal Shelters to Accept Service Dog Registrations

Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford) sponsored Senate Bill 468, which would allow disabled veterans to register their service dogs at animal shelters in Georgia. SB 468 passed with a vote of 49 to 1. – **SB 468**

Granting Historical Preservation Duties to the Department of Community Affairs

Senate Bill 473, sponsored by Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla), would transfer the responsibilities related to historic preservation from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and grant funds raised from historical preservation license plates to the DCA. SB 473 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **SB 473**

Authorizing the Governor to Assign Welcome Center Operations

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) sponsored Senate Bill 474, which would allow the Governor to assign the responsibility of constructing, maintaining and operating certain welcome and tourist centers to the Department of Natural Resources. SB 474 passed with a vote of 44 to 5. – **SB 474**



Creating the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database

Senate Bill 482, sponsored by Sen. Dean Burke (R – Bainbridge), would establish the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database (GAPCD), a public website allowing consumers to view costs, utilization and quality of healthcare in Georgia. It would also establish an advisory committee to oversee the GAPCD and institute a violation for failing to submit claims data to the database. SB 482 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **SB 482**

Behavioral Rehabilitation and Stability Services Act

Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan) sponsored Senate Bill 483, which would permit a behavioral rehabilitation joint venture agreement between acute care hospitals with vacant beds and an institution for mental diseases. It would also allow patients treated at these joint ventures to receive Medicaid reimbursement, as well as exempt money received under the rural tax credit program from a hospital's aggregate tax cap. SB 483 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SB 483**

Establishing the Joint Private Financing of Infrastructure Study Committee

Senate Resolution 793, sponsored by Sen. Brandon Beach (R – Alpharetta), would create the Joint Private Financing of Infrastructure Study Committee to evaluate the feasibility for private funding for public infrastructure and projects. SR 793 passed with a vote of 51 to 1. – **SR 793**

Creating the Joint Study Committee on Preparing Our Future Workforce

Sen. P.K. Martin (R – Lawrenceville) sponsored Senate Resolution 833, which would establish the Joint Study Committee on Preparing Our Future Workforce to identify improvements to student work-based learning programs. SR 833 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **SR 833**

Senate Approves Adjournment Resolution

Senate Resolution 935, sponsored by Sen. Mike Dugan (R – Carrollton), would outline the legislative calendar for the final twelve days of the legislative session. The schedule is as follows: March 13th (Legislative Day 29), March 16th (Legislative Day 30), March 18th (Legislative Day 31), March 19th (Legislative Day 32), March 20th (Legislative Day 33), March 23rd (Legislative Day 34), March 24th (Legislative Day 35), March 25th (Legislative Day 36), March 26th (Legislative Day 37), March 27th (Legislative Day 38), March 30th (Legislative Day 39) and April 2nd (Legislative Day 40). SR 935 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SR 935**



THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Prohibiting Improper Sexual Conduct

Senate Bill 40, sponsored by Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah), would revise the definition, conditions and penalties for improper sexual contact with minors by school district employees and volunteers, as well as a person in a position of trust. SB 40 passed with a vote of 54 to 0. – **SB 40**

Unlocking the Promise Whole Child Model Schools Act

Senate Bill 102, sponsored by Sen. Emanuel Jones (D – Decatur), would establish a certification process for whole child model schools, including guidelines for implementation and reporting. SB 102 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 102**

Limiting the Sale of Dextromethorphan

Senate Bill 272, sponsored by Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula), would make it unlawful to knowingly or willingly sell a finished drug product that contains dextromethorphan to minors, as well as establish penalties for violators. SB 272 passed with a vote of 44 to 7. – **SB 272**

Adjusting the Record Restriction Process

Sen. Tonya Anderson (D – Lithonia) sponsored Senate Bill 288, which would expand the ability of certain individuals to request that their records be restricted for misdemeanors and conditional discharges. It would also adjust the automatic record restriction procedure for local ordinance violations and ban employers from bringing up criminal records of employees in legal action. SB 288 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **SB 288**

Providing Breaks for Pumping

Senate Bill 327, sponsored by Sen. Zahra Karinshak (D – Duluth), would require employers to grant a reasonable break time and location to employees who need to express breast milk. SB 327 passed with a vote of 49 to 1. – **SB 327**

Providing Feminine Hygiene Products for Students

Sen. Donzella James (D – Atlanta) sponsored Senate Bill 349, which would require local boards of education to provide free feminine hygiene products in middle and high schools. SB 349 passed with a vote of 47 to 3. – **SB 349**

Prohibiting Tobacco and Vapor Products for Youth

Senate Bill 375, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga), would prohibit the sale and possession of tobacco and vapor products for persons under the age of 21 and establish penalties for noncompliance. SB 375 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **SB 375**



Changing Provisions for State Barbers and Cosmetologists

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) sponsored Senate Bill 379, which would amend several provisions for barbers and cosmetologists, including establishing schools for the master barbers, requiring a certificate of registry for shops and salons and adjusting applicable fines imposed by the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers. SB 379 passed with a vote of 40 to 12. – **SB 379**

Revising Requirements for Landfill Placements

Senate Bill 384, sponsored by Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), would prohibit the construction of solid waste disposal facilities or coal combustion residual landfills from being within three miles of blackwater rivers. SB 384 passed with a vote of 40 to 11. – **SB 384**

Repealing the Sunset Provision for Sick Leave Requirements

Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough) sponsored Senate Bill 408, which would remove the sunset provision for sick leave requirements related to the care of immediate family members. SB 408 passed with a vote of 50 to 6. – **SB 408**

Revising Ad Valorem Tax Appeals

Senate Bill 412, sponsored by Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula), would expand the coverage of property insurance relating to motor vehicles, as well as clarify that agreements made by a subsidiary or affiliate of a motor vehicle manufacturer are excluded from this coverage. Furthermore, the bill would provide for a system of cancellations and establish penalties if done unlawfully. SB 412 passed with a vote of 47 to 1. – **SB 412**

Defining the Term Applicant

Sen. P.K. Martin (R – Lawrenceville) sponsored Senate Bill 413, which would expand the term applicant to protect against conflicts of interest in zoning actions. SB 413 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **SB 413**

Modifying the Name for the Office of College and Career Transitions

Senate Bill 416, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga), would change the name of the Office of College and Career Transitions to the Office of College and Career Academies. SB 416 passed with a vote of 55 to 0. – **SB 416**

Expanding Indemnification for Peace Officers

Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White) sponsored Senate Bill 418, which would add heart attack, stroke, or vascular rupture to the list of conditions that would qualify a public safety officer for an indemnification payment. SB 418 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **SB 418**

Max Gruver Act

Senate Bill 423, sponsored by Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell), would expand the definition of hazing and would impose criminal penalties for those who participate in hazing activities. SB 423 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **SB 423**



Reporting Ethylene Oxide Spills

Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough) sponsored Senate Bill 426, which would require any spill of ethylene oxide to be reported to the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources within 24 hours of the discovery of the spill. It would also create a public website with information on all reported spills. SB 426 passed with a vote of 55 to 0. – **SB 426**

Revising the Fair Business Practices Act of 1975

Senate Bill 428, sponsored by Sen. Bill Cowser (R – Athens), would prohibit musical performance groups from taking credit for sound recordings previously done by a recording group. SB 428 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **SB 428**

Notifying of and Reporting Life Insurance Policies

Sen. Marty Harbin (R – Tyrone) sponsored Senate Bill 432, which would require life insurers to provide an annual disclosure of the policy's existence, as well as require the insurer to quarterly review the policy locator service of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and report findings to the Department of Insurance. SB 432 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **SB 432**

Revising the Time for Disposing of Unclaimed Bonds

Senate Bill 446, sponsored by Sen. Larry Walker (R – Perry), would reduce the time for the disposal of unclaimed bonds from seven years to two years. SB 446 passed with a vote of 48 to 3. – **SB 446**

Clarifying Actions on Improvements to Real Property

Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon) sponsored Senate Bill 451, which would revise Georgia's statute of repose to add that actions resulting from improvements of real property would not apply to actions for breach of contract. SB 451 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **SB 451**

Revising the Election System

Senate Bill 463, sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would provide requirements for measuring elector waiting time and based on findings, call for either a reduction in precinct size or the addition of voting equipment or poll workers. Additionally, the bill would provide a deadline for individuals registering in a primary election and clarify that in the case a signature does not appear valid, an absentee ballot will not be rejected so long as there is a proper form of identification. SB 463 passed with a vote of 35 to 19. – **SB 463**

Georgia Uniform Mediation Act

Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon) sponsored Senate Bill 464, which would define several terms related to mediation and establish a consistent process for mediating disputes. It would also specify privilege and confidentiality during the dispute process. SB 464 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **SB 464**



Mandating Microchips for Animals

Senate Bill 476, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would require pet dealers to microchip all dogs and cats, over eight weeks of age, prior to being sold or transferred. SB 476 passed with a vote of 43 to 9. – **SB 476**

Modifying Investigative Procedures for Family Violence

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta) sponsored Senate Bill 477, which would provide a definition for a “predominant aggressor” and clarify that law enforcement officers will be allowed to determine the aggressor when evaluating an incident related to domestic or family violence. SB 477 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 477**

Revising Payment for Data Analytics Services

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome) sponsored Senate Bill 480, which would allow compensation given to certain data analytic service providers to be deducted from attributable contributions before the remaining amounts are deposited into the general fund. SB 480 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 480**

Joining the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases

Senate Bill 484, sponsored by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would enter Georgia into the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases. SB 484 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **SB 484**

Removing Amber Light Requirements for Low-Speed Vehicles

Senate Bill 489, sponsored by Sen. Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonega), would eliminate the requirement of having an amber strobe light on low-speed motor vehicles that are operated on highways. SB 489 passed with a vote of 46 to 0. – **SB 489**

Modifying Practices for Cybersecurity

Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White) sponsored Senate Bill 493, which would add cybersecurity standards for businesses in order to prevent data breaches and protect their liability. SB 493 passed with a vote of 30 to 18. – **SB 493**

Clarifying the Right to Vote in the Georgia Constitution

Sen. Greg Dolezal (R – Cumming) sponsored Senate Resolution 818, which would place a constitutional amendment on the next ballot to clarify that only United States citizens have the right to vote in Georgia. SR 818 was lost with a vote of 33 to 19. – **SR 818**

Providing Relief from Unconstitutional Actions

Senate Resolution 841, sponsored by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would allow Georgia citizens to petition state court systems for declaratory relief from government acts that violate the Constitutions of the state of Georgia or the United States. SR 841 passed with a vote of 50 to 1. – **SR 841**



Dedicating Bridges and Roads

Sen. Butch Miller (R – Gainesville) sponsored Senate Resolution 844, which would dedicate sections of the highway system to Deputy Nicolas Dixon, Mr. Richard L. Jackson, Mr. Tom Price, Mr. Calvin McLarin and Mr. Joseph Vickers. SR 844 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **SR 844**

Calling a Convention of States

Senate Resolution 854, sponsored by Sen. Bill Cowser (R – Athens), would call for a convention of states designed to restrict the power, jurisdiction and spending of the Federal Government using Article V of the United States Constitution. SR 854 was lost with a vote of 27 to 22. – **SR 854**

Allowing General Obligation Debts for Airport Projects

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) sponsored Senate Resolution 885, which would propose a constitutional amendment allowing Georgia to take on general obligation debt in order to issue grants and loans to municipalities for funding projects at local airports. This amendment must be approved. SR 885 passed with a vote of 54 to 0. – **SR 885**

Senate Approves Adjournment Resolution

House Resolution 1473, carried by Sen. Mike Dugan (R – Carrollton), would outline the legislative calendar for the final twelve days of the legislative session. The schedule is as follows: March 13th (Legislative Day 29), March 16th (Legislative Day 30), March 18th (Legislative Day 31), March 19th (Legislative Day 32), March 20th (Legislative Day 33), March 23rd (Legislative Day 34), March 24th (Legislative Day 35), March 25th (Legislative Day 36), March 26th (Legislative Day 37), March 27th (Legislative Day 38), March 30th (Legislative Day 39) and April 2nd (Legislative Day 40). It would also allow the Adjournment Resolution to be modified at any time. HR 1473 passed with a vote of 53 to 1. – **HR 1473**

Special Orders:

Conference Committee Reports

The Senate agreed to the Conference Committee Report on the following:
HB 792 (53-1) – Senators from the 4th, 30th, 49th



The Georgia Senate is on an indefinite suspension and will reconvene at a time to be determined by the Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House.