

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Monday, August 22, 2011****Fifth Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Abdul-Salaam	Coomer	E Heard	Maxwell	Shaw
Abrams	Cooper	Hembree	Mayo	Sheldon
Allison	Davis	E Henson	McBrayer	Sims, B
Amerson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hill	McCall	Smith, E
Anderson	Dempsey	Holcomb	McKillip	Smith, K
Ashe	Dickerson	Holmes	Meadows	Smith, L
Atwood	Dickey	Holt	Mills	Smith, R
E Battles	Dickson	Horne	Mitchell	E Smith, T
E Baker	Dobbs	Houston	Morgan	E Spencer
Bearden	Drenner	Howard	Murphy	Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Dudgeon	E Hudson	Neal, J	Stephens, R
Bell	Dukes	Hugley	Neal, Y	Talton
Beverly	Dutton	Jackson	Nimmer	Tankersley
Black	England	Jacobs	Nix	Taylor, D
Braddock	Epps, C	James	Oliver	Taylor, T
Brockway	Epps, J	E Jasperse	O'Neal	Teasley
Brooks	Evans	Jerguson	Parent	Thomas
Bruce	E Floyd	Johnson	Parrish	E Tinubu
Bryant	Fludd	Jones, S	Peake	Watson
E Buckner	Frazier	Kaiser	Powell, A	Welch
Burns	Geisinger	Kendrick	Powell, J	Wilkerson
Byrd	Gordon	Kidd	Pruett	Wilkinson
Carter	Greene	Knight	Purcell	Williams, A
E Casas	Hamilton	E Lane	Reece	Williams, C
Channell	Hanner	Lindsey	Rice	Williams, E
Cheokas	Harden, B	Long	Riley	Williams, R
Clark, V	E Harden, M	Maddox, G	Roberts	Williamson
Coleman	Harrell	Manning	Rynders	Yates
Collins	Hatchett	Marin	E Scott, M	Ralston, Speaker
Cooke	E Hatfield	Martin	Scott, S	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Austin of the 10th, Benfield of the 85th, Benton of the 31st, Crawford of the 16th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Fullerton of the 151st, Gardner of the 57th, Golick of the 34th, Harbin of the 118th, Jordan of the 77th, Morris of the 155th, Mosby of the 90th, Parsons of the 42nd, Randall of the 138th, Rogers of the 26th, Setzler of the 35th, Sims of the 169th, Smyre of the 132nd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Walker of the 107th, Weldon of the 3rd, and Willard of the 49th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Representative Mack Jackson, District 142, Sandersville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Davis of the 109th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 18EX. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Cook County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HB 19EX. By Representatives Houston of the 170th and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish an airport authority for Berrien County, approved March 20, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3873), so as to increase the membership of the board of such authority; to provide for terms of office for such additional members; to provide for a quorum; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 20EX. By Representative Lane of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts; to provide for a short title; to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to provide for election of members of Congress; to provide when such members shall take office; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation of present congressional districts until a certain time; to correct a certain reference; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment.

HB 21EX. By Representative Smith of the 168th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bacon County and provide for its powers and duties, approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3712), so as to reconstitute and change the composition of the board and the selection and appointment of its members; to provide for the qualification and removal of members and for filling vacancies; to provide for the appointment, duties, compensation, and removal of an elections supervisor; to provide for officers and equipment; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 22EX. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Early County, approved March 24, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p.

515), as amended, so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 23EX. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Clay County, approved February 16, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2326), as amended, so as to provide new commissioner districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 24EX. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Early County, approved February 10, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3674), as amended, so as to reapportion the Board of Education of Early County; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 25EX. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Clay County, approved January 15, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3576), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended in order that the following Bills of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 26EX. By Representatives Welch of the 110th and Knight of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Butts County, approved February 24, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 793), as amended, so as to reconstitute the board of commissioners; to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 27EX. By Representatives Welch of the 110th and Knight of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Butts County, approved March 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4919), as amended, so as to reconstitute the board of education; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 28EX. By Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Baker of the 78th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Scott of the 76th, Tinubu of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for a homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that city," approved May 14, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5845), so as to reduce the amount of the exemption; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 13EX
HB 15EX
HB 17EX

HB 14EX
HB 16EX
SB 1EX

Representative Sims of the 169th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 4EX Do Pass
HB 6EX Do Pass
HB 8EX Do Pass
HB 10EX Do Pass
HB 12EX Do Pass

HB 5EX Do Pass
HB 7EX Do Pass
HB 9EX Do Pass
HB 11EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sims of the 169th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, were reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendations:

HR 8EX Do Pass
HR 41EX Do Pass

Pursuant to HR 41EX, the House recognized and honored First Lieutenant Bobby Woods, a true American hero, and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 8EX, the House commended Staff Sergeant Philips B. Casey and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 4EX. By Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act re-creating and establishing a Board of Commissioners of Barrow County, approved April 2, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4033), as amended, so as to provide for powers and duties of the chairperson of the board; to provide for compensation of the chairperson; to provide for appointment of a county manager and the powers and duties thereof; to provide for meetings, voting, and quorum of the board; to provide for a referendum; to provide for submission under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 5EX. By Representatives Purcell of the 159th and Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, approved June 26, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 466), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 6EX. By Representatives Purcell of the 159th and Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Effingham County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4596), as amended, so to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 7EX. By Representatives Amerson of the 9th and Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for an elected Board of Education of Dawson County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3529), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 8EX. By Representatives Amerson of the 9th and Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3689), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 9EX. By Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act re-creating and establishing a Board of Commissioners of Barrow County, approved April 2, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4033), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3889), so as to change the composition of the election districts from which the members of the Board of Commissioners of Barrow County are elected; to provide for implementation of such changes; to define certain terms; to provide for continuation in office of persons serving as members of the board on a certain date; to provide for the election and terms of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 10EX. By Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing authority for members of the Board of Education of Barrow County, approved April 19, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3896), so as to change the composition of the election districts from which the members of the Board of Education of Barrow County are elected; to provide for implementation of such changes; to define certain terms; to provide for continuation in office of persons serving as members of the board on a certain date; to provide for the election and terms of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 11EX. By Representatives Amerson of the 9th and Collins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Lumpkin County, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4272), so as to change the description of commissioner districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to change the provisions relating to definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 12EX. By Representatives Amerson of the 9th and Collins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Lumpkin County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4277), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abdul-Salaam	Crawford	Y Heckstall	Y McCall	Y Sheldon
Y Abrams	Y Davis	Y Hembree	Y McKillip	Y Sims, B
Y Allison	E Dawkins-Haigler	E Henson	Y Meadows	Y Sims, C
Y Amerson	Y Dempsey	Y Hill	Mills	Y Smith, E
Y Anderson	Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, K
Y Ashe	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Morgan	Y Smith, L
Y Atwood	Y Dickson	Y Holt	Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Austin	Y Dobbs	Y Horne	Mosby	E Smith, T
E Baker	Dollar	Y Houston	Y Murphy	Smyre
E Battles	Y Drenner	Y Howard	Y Neal, J	E Spencer
Y Bearden	Y Dudgeon	E Hudson	Y Neal, Y	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dukes	Y Hugley	Y Nimmer	Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Dutton	Y Jackson	Y Nix	Stephenson
Benfield	Ehrhart	Y Jacobs	Y Oliver	Y Talton
Y Benton	Y England	Y James	O'Neal	Y Tankersley
Y Beverly	Y Epps, C	E Jasperse	Y Pak	Y Taylor, D
Y Black	Y Epps, J	Y Jerguson	Y Parent	Taylor, R
Y Braddock	Y Evans	Y Johnson	Parrish	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	E Floyd	Y Jones, J	Y Parsons	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	Y Fludd	Y Jones, S	Y Peake	Y Thomas
Y Bruce	Y Frazier	Y Jordan	Y Powell, A	E Tinubu
Y Bryant	Y Fullerton	Y Kaiser	Y Powell, J	VACANT
E Buckner	Y Gardner	Y Kendrick	Y Pruett	Y Walker
Burns	Y Geisinger	Kidd	Y Purcell	Y Watson
Y Byrd	Y Golick	Y Knight	Ramsey	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Gordon	E Lane	Y Randall	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Greene	Y Lindsey	Y Reece	Y Wilkerson
Y Channell	Y Hamilton	Y Long	Y Rice	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hanner	Maddox, B	Y Riley	Y Willard
Y Clark, J	Y Harbin	Y Maddox, G	Y Roberts	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, V	Y Harden, B	Y Manning	Y Rogers	Y Williams, C
Y Coleman	E Harden, M	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, E
Collins	Y Harrell	Y Martin	E Scott, M	Y Williams, R
Y Cooke	Y Hatchett	Y Maxwell	Y Scott, S	Y Williamson
Y Coomer	E Hatfield	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Yates
Y Cooper	Y Heard	Y McBrayer	Y Shaw	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 142, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

Representatives Burns of the 157th and Parrish of the 156th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

Representative Amerson of the 9th asked unanimous consent that the preceding local Bills be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Geisinger of the 48th and Epps of the 140th.

The following Resolutions of the House, favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, were read and adopted:

HR 8EX. By Representative Coomer of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION commending Staff Sergeant Philips B. Casey and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 41EX. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Neal of the 1st and Weldon of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring First Lieutenant Bobby Woods, a true American hero, and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolution of the House was read and adopted:

HR 64EX. By Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Ralston of the 7th, Powell of the 171st, Meadows of the 5th, Cheokas of the 134th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia State Patrol; and for other purposes.

Representative Lane of the 167th District, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 1EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lane of the 167th
Chairman

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.