

HOUSE JOURNAL

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Monday, January 10, 2011

First Legislative Day

The Representatives-elect of the General Assembly of Georgia for the years 2011-2012 met pursuant to law in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and were called to order by Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Prayer was offered by Representative Paul Battles, District 15, Cartersville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Sims of the 169th, 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.

The following communication from the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State, certifying the Representatives-elect for the years 2011-2012, was received and read:

State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

I, Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the attached four (4) pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct list of State Representatives in the General Assembly of Georgia elected at the 2010 General Election held on November 2, 2010; all as the same appear of file and record in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten

and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

(SEAL)

Seat	Elected Official
District 1	Jay Neal
District 2	Martin Scott
District 3	Tom Weldon
District 4	Roger Williams
District 5	John Meadows
District 6	Tom Dickson
District 7	David Ralston
District 8	Stephen Allison
District 9	Amos Amerson
District 10	Rick Austin
District 11	Barbara Massey Reece
District 12	Rick Jasperse
District 13	Katie M. Dempsey
District 14	Christian Coomer
District 15	Paul R. Battles
District 16	Rick Crawford
District 17	Howard R. Maxwell
District 18	Kevin Cooke
District 19	Paulette Rakestraw Braddock
District 20	Charlice Byrd
District 21	Calvin Hill
District 22	Sean Jerguson
District 23	Mark Hamilton
District 24	Mike Dudgeon
District 25	James Mills
District 26	Carl Rogers
District 27	Doug Collins
District 28	Michael Harden
District 29	Alan Powell
District 30	Tom McCall
District 31	Tommy Benton
District 32	Judy Manning
District 33	David Wilkerson
District 34	Rich Golick
District 35	Ed Setzler

Seat	Elected Official
District 36	Earl Ehrhart
District 37	Terry Johnson
District 38	Sam Teasley
District 39	Alisha Thomas Morgan
District 40	Stacey Evans
District 41	Sharon Cooper
District 42	Don L. Parsons
District 43	Bobby Franklin
District 44	Sheila Jones
District 45	Matt Dollar
District 46	Jan Jones
District 47	Charles E. "Chuck" Martin, Jr.
District 48	Harry Geisinger
District 49	Wendell Willard
District 50	Lynne Riley
District 51	Tom Rice
District 52	Joe Wilkinson
District 53	Elly Dobbs
District 54	Edward Lindsey
District 55	Rashad Taylor
District 56	Kathy Ashe
District 57	Pat Gardner
District 58	Simone Bell
District 59	Margaret D. Kaiser
District 60	Gloria Bromell Tinubu
District 61	Ralph Long
District 62	Joe Heckstall
District 63	Tyrone Brooks
District 64	Roger Bruce
District 65	Sharon Beasley-Teague
District 66	Virgil Fludd
District 67	Bill Hembree
District 68	Timothy J. Bearden
District 69	Randy Nix
District 70	Lynn R. Smith
District 71	Billy Horne
District 72	Matt Ramsey
District 73	John Yates
District 74	Roberta Abdul-Salaam
District 75	Yasmin Neal
District 76	Sandra G. Scott
District 77	Darryl Jordan

Seat	Elected Official
District 78	Glenn Baker
District 79	Tom Taylor
District 80	Mike Jacobs
District 81	Elena Parent
District 82	Scott Holcomb
District 83	Mary Margaret Oliver
District 84	Stacey Abrams
District 85	Stephanie Stuckey Benfield
District 86	Karla Drenner
District 87	Michele Henson
District 88	Billy Mitchell
District 89	Earnest "Coach" Williams
District 90	Howard Mosby
District 91	Rahn Mayo
District 92	Pam S. Stephenson
District 93	Dee Dawkins-Haigler
District 94	Dar'shun N. Kendrick
District 95	Pam Dickerson
District 96	Pedro "Pete" Marin
District 97	Brooks Coleman
District 98	Josh Clark
District 99	Hugh Floyd
District 100	Brian Thomas
District 101	Buzz Brockway
District 102	B.J. Pak
District 103	David Casas
District 104	Valerie Clark
District 105	Donna Sheldon
District 106	Brett Harrell
District 107	Len Walker
District 108	Terry England
District 109	Steve Davis
District 110	Andrew "Andy" J. Welch III
District 111	Bruce Williamson
District 112	Doug Holt
District 113	Hank Huckaby
District 114	Keith G. Heard
District 115	Doug McKillip
District 116	Mickey Channell
District 117	Lee Anderson
District 118	Ben Harbin
District 119	Barbara Sims

Seat	Elected Official
District 120	Quincy Murphy
District 121	Henry "Wayne" Howard
District 122	Earnest Smith
District 123	Gloria Frazier
District 124	Helen G. "Sistie" Hudson
District 125	Susan Holmes
District 126	David Knight
District 127	Billy Maddox
District 128	Carl Von Epps
District 129	Kip Smith
District 130	Debbie G. Buckner
District 131	Richard H. Smith
District 132	Calvin Smyre
District 133	Carolyn F. Hugley
District 134	Mike Cheokas
District 135	Lynmore James
District 136	Tony Sellier
District 137	Allen Peake
District 138	Nikki T. Randall
District 139	David E. Lucas
District 140	James A. "Bubber" Epps
District 141	E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd
District 142	Mack Jackson
District 143	Matt Hatchett
District 144	Jimmy Pruett
District 145	Willie L. Talton
District 146	Larry O'Neal
District 147	Buddy Harden
District 148	Bob Hanner
District 149	Gerald E. Greene
District 150	Winfred Dukes
District 151	Carol H. Fullerton
District 152	Ed Rynders
District 153	Tony McBrayer
District 154	Jay Roberts
District 155	Greg Morris
District 156	Butch Parrish
District 157	Jon G. Burns
District 158	Jan Tankersley
District 159	Ann R. Purcell
District 160	Bob Bryant
District 161	Mickey Stephens

Seat	Elected Official
District 162	J. Craig Gordon
District 163	Ben Watson
District 164	Ron Stephens
District 165	Al Williams
District 166	Delvis Dutton
District 167	Roger B. Lane
District 168	Tommy Smith
District 169	Chuck Sims
District 170	Penny Houston
District 171	Jay Powell
District 172	Gene Maddox
District 173	Darlene K. Taylor
District 174	Ellis Black
District 175	Amy Carter
District 176	Jason Shaw
District 177	Mark Hatfield
District 178	Mark Williams
District 179	Alex Atwood
District 180	Jason Spencer

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

E Abdul-Salaam	Cooper	E Heckstall	McKillip	Sims, B
Abrams	Crawford	Hembree	Meadows	Sims, C
Allison	Davis	E Henson	Mills	Smith, E
Amerson	Dempsey	Hill	Mitchell	Smith, K
Anderson	Dickerson	Holmes	Morris	E Smith, L
Ashe	Dickson	Horne	Murphy	Smith, R
Atwood	E Dobbs	Houston	Neal, J	Smith, T
Austin	Dollar	Howard	Neal, Y	Smyre
Baker	E Drenner	Huckaby	Nix	Spencer
Battles	Dudgeon	E Hudson	E Oliver	Stephens, M
Bearden	Dutton	Hugley	O'Neal	Stephens, R
E Beasley-Teague	Ehrhart	Jackson	Pak	Tankersley
Bell	England	Jacobs	Parent	Taylor, D
E Benfield	Epps, J	James	Parrish	Taylor, R
Benton	Evans	Jasperse	Parsons	Taylor, T
Black	Franklin	Jerguson	Peake	Teasley
Braddock	Frazier	Jones, J	Powell, A	Thomas
Brockway	Fullerton	Jordan	Powell, J	Tinubu
E Bruce	Gardner	Kaiser	Pruett	Walker
Bryant	E Geisinger	Kendrick	Purcell	Watson
Buckner	Golick	Kidd	Ramsey	Welch
Burns	Gordon	Knight	Randall	Weldon
Carter	Greene	Lane	Reece	Wilkerson
Casas	Hamilton	Lindsey	Riley	Wilkinson
Channell	Hanner	Long	Roberts	Willard
Cheokas	Harbin	Lucas	Rogers	Williams, A

Clark, J	Harden, B	Maddox, B	Rynders	Williams, E
Clark, V	Harden, M	Maddox, G	Scott, M	Williams, R
E Coleman	Harrell	Manning	Setzler	Williamson
Collins	Hatchett	Martin	Shaw	Yates
Cooke	Hatfield	Maxwell	Sheldon	Ralston, Speaker
Coomer	Heard	McCall		

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

Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Fludd of the 66th, Rice of the 51st, Scott of the 76th, and Stephenson of the 92nd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Holcomb of the 82nd was not recorded on the attendance roll call. He wished to be recorded as present.

Representative Dobbs of the 53rd was excused on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The following oath of office was administered to the Representatives-elect by Robert M. Crawford, Judge, Superior Court, Griffin Judicial Circuit.

"I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this State and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself, as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

I am a citizen of the State of Georgia and a member of the General Assembly and the recipient of public funds for services rendered as such officer and I do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD."

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker of the House for the 2011-2012 term, Representative Collins of the 27th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable David Ralston of the 7th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Sims of the 119th.

Representative Thomas of the 100th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Stacey Abrams of the 84th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Hugley of the 133rd.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the nominations be closed.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Abrams of the 84th withdrew her name from the nomination as Speaker.

The election of the Speaker was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for Representative Ralston voted "aye," those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam	Y Davis	Y Hembree	McBrayer	Y Sheldon
N Abrams	Dawkins-Haigler	E Henson	Y McCall	Y Sims, B
Y Allison	Y Dempsey	Y Hill	Y McKillip	Y Sims, C
Y Amerson	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Meadows	N Smith, E
Y Anderson	Y Dickson	Y Holmes	Y Mills	Y Smith, K
Y Ashe	E Dobbs	Holt	Y Mitchell	E Smith, L
Y Atwood	Y Dollar	Y Horne	Morgan	Y Smith, R
Y Austin	Y Drenner	Y Houston	Y Morris	Y Smith, T
Y Baker	Y Dudgeon	Y Howard	Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Battles	Y Dukes	Y Huckaby	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Bearden	Y Dutton	E Hudson	Y Neal, J	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Ehrhart	N Hugley	Y Neal, Y	Y Stephens, R
N Bell	Y England	Y Jackson	Y Nix	Stephenson
E Benfield	Epps, C	Y Jacobs	E Oliver	E Talton
Y Benton	Y Epps, J	Y James	Y O'Neal	Y Tankersley
Y Black	Y Evans	Y Jasperse	Y Pak	Y Taylor, D
Braddock	Floyd	Y Jerguson	Y Parent	N Taylor, R
Y Brockway	N Fludd	Johnson	Y Parrish	Y Taylor, T
Brooks	Franklin	Y Jones, J	Y Parsons	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Frazier	E Jones, S	Y Peake	N Thomas
Y Bryant	Y Fullerton	Y Jordan	Y Powell, A	Y Tinubu
Y Buckner	Y Gardner	Y Kaiser	Y Powell, J	VACANT
Y Burns	E Geisinger	N Kendrick	Y Pruett	VACANT
Byrd	Y Golick	Y Kidd	Y Purcell	Y Walker
Y Carter	Y Gordon	Y Knight	Y Ramsey	Y Watson
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lane	Y Randall	Y Welch
Y Channell	Y Hamilton	Y Lindsey	Y Reece	Y Weldon
Y Cheokas	Y Hanner	Y Long	Rice	Y Wilkerson
Y Clark, J	Y Harbin	Y Lucas	Y Riley	Y Wilkinson

Y Clark, V	Y Harden, B	Y Maddox, B	Y Roberts	Y Willard
E Coleman	Y Harden, M	Y Maddox, G	Y Rogers	Y Williams, A
Y Collins	Y Harrell	Y Manning	Y Rynders	N Williams, E
Y Cooke	Y Hatchett	Marin	Y Scott, M	Y Williams, R
Y Coomer	Y Hatfield	Y Martin	Scott, S	Y Williamson
Y Cooper	Y Heard	Y Maxwell	Y Setzler	Y Yates
Y Crawford	E Heckstall	Y Mayo	Y Shaw	Y Ralston, Speaker

On the election of the Speaker, The Honorable David Ralston received 140 votes.

Due to a mechanical malfunction, the vote of Representative Braddock of the 19th was not recorded on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

Representative Dobbs of the 53rd was excused on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The Honorable David Ralston of the 7th, having received the majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared elected Speaker of the House for the ensuing term.

The Chair appointed as a Committee to escort the Speaker to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Allison of the 8th, Talton of the 145th, England of the 108th, Meadows of the 5th, Bryant of the 160th, Cheokas of the 134th, Weldon of the 3rd, Houston of the 170th, Burns of the 157th, Fullerton of the 151st, and Carter of the 175th.

The Honorable David Ralston was escorted to the Speaker's stand whereupon he assumed the Chair and thanked the members for having elected him Speaker.

The next order of business being the election of a Speaker Pro Tem for the House for the 2011-2012 term, the name of the Honorable Jan Jones of the 46th was placed in nomination by Representative O`Neal of the 146th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Smith of the 131st.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the nominations be closed, which motion was seconded by Representative Smith of the 131st.

The motion prevailed.

The election of the Speaker Pro Tem was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for Representative Jones voted "aye." Those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

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

On the election of the Speaker Pro Tem, the Honorable Jan Jones received 142 votes.

Representative Dobbs of the 53rd was excused on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 46th, having received the majority of the votes cast, is thereby declared elected Speaker Pro Tem of the House for the ensuing term.

The Speaker appointed as a committee to escort the Speaker Pro Tem to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Anderson of the 117th, Dempsey of the 13th, Golick of the 34th, Hanner of the 148th, Roberts of the 154th, and Walker of the 107th.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 46th was escorted to the Speaker's stand where she addressed the House expressing her appreciation to the members for having elected her Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Representatives.

The next order of business being the election of a Clerk of the House for the 2011-2012 term, Representative Williams of the 4th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. of Haralson County as Clerk, which nomination was seconded by Representative Randall of the 138th.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the nominations be closed and that the Deputy Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee. The motion prevailed and on the election of the Clerk of the House, the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. of Haralson County received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. was thereby declared elected Clerk of the House for the ensuing term.

The Chair appointed as a Committee to escort the Clerk to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Cooper of the 41st, Kaiser of the 59th, Coleman of the 97th, Mayo of the 91st, Ehrhart of the 36th, McCall of the 30th, Manning of the 32nd, and Amerson of the 9th.

The following oath of office was administered to the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House, by David Ralston, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I hereby swear that I will discharge the duties of the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, faithfully and to the best of my skill and knowledge. I further swear that I am not the holder of any public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof, unaccounted for, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, nor of any one of the several states, nor of any foreign state, that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God.

The Clerk addressed the House expressing his appreciation to the members for having elected him Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The next order of business being the election of a Doorkeeper of the House for the 2011-2012 term, Representative Wilkinson of the 52nd placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Phil Tucker, which nomination was seconded by Representative Frazier of the 123rd.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee. The motion prevailed and on the election of the Doorkeeper of the House, the Honorable Phil Tucker received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Phil Tucker was thereby declared elected Doorkeeper of the House for the ensuing term.

The Honorable Phil Tucker was escorted to the Speaker's stand where he expressed his appreciation to the members for having elected him as Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

The next order of business being the election of a Messenger of the House for the 2011-2012 term, Representative England of the 108th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Lindsey Thompson, which nomination was seconded by Representative Dempsey of the 13th.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee. The motion prevailed and on the election of the Messenger of the House, the Honorable Lindsey Thompson received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Lindsey Thompson was escorted to the Speaker's stand where she expressed her appreciation to the members for having elected her as Messenger of the House of Representatives.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 17. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate; providing for other matters relative to the inauguration of the Governor and the Constitutional Officers of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the House of Representatives and Senate meet in joint session at 2:00 P.M., Monday, January 10,

2011, at the State Capitol for the purpose of inaugurating the Honorable Nathan Deal as Governor and inaugurating the Constitutional Officers of the State of Georgia.

HR 14. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

To notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Clerk of the House is hereby instructed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened in regular session and is now ready for the transaction of business.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 15. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Rules of the House of Representatives in effect at the adjournment of the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly, "Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives," are hereby adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2011 Regular Session and for the duration of this General Assembly, with the following amendment:

SECTION 1.

Said rules are amended by adding a new Rule 10.3 to read as follows:

"10.3

Any bills or resolutions which are introduced in the House pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 12 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated shall be considered under the specific procedures and legislative process specified in Chapter 12 which shall supercede and control notwithstanding any provision of these rules to the contrary. This rule shall stand repealed on July 1, 2012."

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Abdul-Salaam	Y Davis	Y Hembree	McBrayer	Y Sheldon
N Abrams	N Dawkins-Haigler	N Henson	Y McCall	Y Sims, B
Y Allison	Y Dempsey	Y Hill	Y McKillip	Y Sims, C
Y Amerson	N Dickerson	N Holcomb	Y Meadows	N Smith, E

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

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 115, nays 40.

The Resolution was adopted.

Representative Dobbs of the 53rd was excused on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "nay" thereon.

Representative Stephenson of the 92nd stated that she had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "nay" thereon.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 16. By Representative O'Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the following provisions shall be in effect during the 2011 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia and for the duration of this General Assembly and until otherwise provided for by resolution of the House:

PART 1.
SECTION 1-1.

(a) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ on behalf of the House of Representatives: a sergeant-at-arms, a postmaster or postmistress, assistant postmasters or assistant postmistresses, assistant doorkeepers, pages, aides, secretaries, stenographers, typists, clerks, porters, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the Speaker is authorized to provide offices for staff services for the House of Representatives and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and compensation of personnel so employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker; and any such personnel may be assigned to House officers, committees, committee officers, caucuses, and caucus officers as deemed appropriate by the Speaker, including without limitation assignment of aides to the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader.

(b) By agreement with the appropriate officer or officers of the Senate, the Speaker of the House may authorize the employment of joint staff and the establishment of joint offices of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1-2.

The Speaker is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available.

SECTION 1-3.

The Doorkeeper of the House and the Messenger of the House, who are elected by the House, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.

PART 2.
SECTION 2-1.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Clerk of the House's office, the Clerk of the House is authorized to employ for the Clerk's office:

assistant clerks, reading clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, secretaries, copy readers, typists, Multilith operators, Xerox operators, collator operators, porter-machinists, roll-call operators, clerical assistants, terminal operators, camera operators, supply and mail clerks, document distributors, audio operators, porters, personnel to distribute bills and other materials for members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Clerk within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Clerk. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Clerk.

SECTION 2-2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the salary of the Clerk of the House shall be the same amount the Clerk was receiving at the time of adoption of this resolution by the House. In addition to that amount, the Clerk shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General Appropriations Act when granted to other employees of the legislative branch of state government. During the Clerk's tenure of office, he or she shall also receive the same expense allowance and the same mileage allowance or travel allowance as received by members of the General Assembly for each day of service rendered by the Clerk.

PART 3.

SECTION 3-1.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ interns, aides, secretaries, stenographers, typists, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis as may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker.

PART 4.

SECTION 4-1.

During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on official business: The Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority

Leader, the Majority Whip, the Minority Leader, the Minority Whip, and the Administration Floor Leaders. For each such day spent on official business each of such officers shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

SECTION 4-2.

(a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each member of the House of Representatives is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall not receive the same for more than seven days each year.

(b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting towards the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday which: (1) is a one day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees, if such member has engaged in legislative business on that day, but not otherwise.

SECTION 4-3.

Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as members of the General Assembly, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Administration Floor Leaders each shall receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum, as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments. Prior to serving as an Administration Floor Leader, a Representative must be certified as such by the Governor in writing to the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House.

PART 5.

SECTION 5-1.

During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the Speaker is empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the House and such other committees as the Speaker might create to remain at the Capitol during any such period of time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed legislation and other matters. Members of such committees as shall be designated by the Speaker to remain at the Capitol shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

SECTION 5-2.

The Speaker is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the House to serve as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The Speaker shall designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any such committee is authorized to function. The Speaker is authorized to extend the time allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created by resolution or by the Speaker. The Speaker is authorized to designate standing committees or any subcommittee thereof to function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall deem necessary. The members of any such committee or subcommittee shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

PART 6.**SECTION 6-1.**

The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives except that funds for any joint staff or joint offices under subsection 1-1(b) shall come from ancillary funds of the General Assembly. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's office. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office.

SECTION 6-2.

Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority; and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority with or without cause.

SECTION 6-3.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the House of Representatives.

HR 18. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, is hereby invited to address a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, in the hall of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at 10:45 A.M. on the aforesaid date for the purpose of hearing an address from His Excellency, the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee of fourteen, seven from the House to be named by the Speaker and seven from the Senate to be named by the Senate Committee on Assignments, be appointed to escort His Excellency, the Governor, to the hall of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals are hereby extended an invitation to be present at the joint session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, to each Justice of the Supreme Court, and to each Judge of the Court of Appeals.

HR 19. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the honorable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is hereby invited to address a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 16, 2011, in the hall of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at 10:45 A.M. on the aforesaid date for the purpose of hearing an address from the Chief Justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals is hereby invited to the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing the address from the Chief Justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Chief Justice, to each other Justice of the Supreme Court, and to each Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Ewing, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 4. By Senators Williams of the 19th and Rogers of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 17. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate; providing for other matters relative to the inauguration of the Governor and the Constitutional Officers of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 218
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

May 5, 2010

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

Please accept this letter as my official resignation of my position as State Representative, District 101, effective May 5, 2010, at 12:01 p.m.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the constituents of my district, as well as all the people of Georgia this past 14 years. I look forward to continuing to serve our great state as Administrator of the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike Coan

MC/pmn

Cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker
Robbie Rivers, Clerk of the House
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Robyn Underwood, Legislative Fiscal Office

House of Representatives
State Capitol Building, Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor, State of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-5-5(a), effective May 14, 2010 at twelve o'clock pm, I am resigning from my position as the State Representative from House District 166.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the State of Georgia and my constituents in Tattall, Evans and Liberty Counties over the past 15 years. Thank you for your support and guidance during your tenure as our Governor.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Barnard
Terry E. Barnard

Cc: David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Robbie Rivers, Clerk of the House
Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Sewell Brumby, Legislative Counsel
Robyn Underwood, Legislative Fiscal Officer

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

I, Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the attached page lists the results as shown on the consolidated returns on file in this office for the Special Election held on the 11th day of May 2010 in District 12 for State Representative in Pickens County and a portion of Bartow County and Gordon County to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Tom Graves.

Having received a majority of votes cast, Rick Jasperse was duly elected to this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

(SEAL)

STATE OF GEORGIA
GEORGIA – SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS INFORMATION SYSTEM
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 11, 2010
SSELZ040-R1 – VOTES BY COUNTY FOR CANDIDATES

OFFICE: STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 12

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES: 3

COUNTY	RICK JASPERSE		TRUETT MOSS II		JERRY NALLY	
	VOTES	PERCENT	VOTES	PERCENT	VOTES	PERCENT
BARTOW	9	14.06	38	59.38	17	26.56
GORDON	422	34.70	718	59.05	76	6.25
PICKENS	<u>2,927</u>	85.09	<u>362</u>	10.52	<u>151</u>	4.39
TOTALS	3,358	71.14	1,118	23.69	244	5.17

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 12
 GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this State and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

I am a citizen of the State of Georgia and a member of the General Assembly and the recipient of public funds for services rendered as such officer and I do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Rick Jasperse
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 25th day of May, 2010.

/s/ Brenda Weaver
Judge, Superior Court
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

June 1, 2010

TO: MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FROM THE 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

RE: CAUCUS TO ELECT 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House have directed me to notify you that a caucus is hereby called for the purpose of electing the member of the State Transportation Board from the 8th Congressional District. Such caucus will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. The caucus will be held in the State Capitol Senate Chamber.

Members of the Senate from those senatorial districts embraced or partly embraced within the 8th Congressional District are eligible to participate in said caucus. Members of the House of Representatives from those representative districts embraced or partly embraced within the 8th Congressional District are eligible to participate in said caucus.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sewell R. Brumby
Legislative Counsel

SRB:dd

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

June 8, 2010

The Honorable David Ralston
Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston:

I have vetoed House Bills 321, 417, 827, 907, 990, 1023, 1028, 1082, 1236, 1251, 1272, 1321, 1407, 1422, 1465, and 1478 which passed the General Assembly in the 2010 Regular Session.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reasons for such vetoes. These bills and corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sonny Perdue

SP:np

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Thurbert E. Baker, Attorney General
Mr. Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Robert E. Ewing, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Sewell R. Brumby, Legislative Counsel

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

June 8, 2010

The Honorable Casey Cagle
President of the Senate
240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Tommie Williams
President Pro Tempore
321 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle and Senator Williams:

I have vetoed Senate Bills 1, 148, 239, 291, 373, 374, 414, 415, 480, 519, 539 and 547, which passed the General Assembly in the 2010 Regular Session.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reasons for such vetoes. These bills and corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sonny Perdue

SP:np

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General Legislation

Indemnification bills

HB 827 and **SB 414** expand eligibility for state and local employees to be covered under the state indemnification program, and also broaden the categories of family members allowed to recover under the program. The indemnification program is not insurance, it is an additional and special benefit for state and local employees in particularly dangerous jobs that provides additional funds to the workers' dependents when those employees are injured or killed. Most, if not all, of those workers are already provided life insurance and workers compensation. The original intent of the program was to provide some additional funds to the people truly dependent on the employees' income when an injury or death interrupted the steady income stream. These bills substantially broaden the definition of "dependent", which departs from the original intent of the program. More importantly, the bills undermine the long-term sustainability of the indemnification program by expanding the program without identifying additional funds. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 827** and **SB 414**.

Miscellaneous

HB 321, the "prompt pay" bill, is a bill I would have liked the opportunity to sign. Unfortunately, the Medical Association of Georgia insisted (over the objections of many) on including language that likely violates the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), a federal law that preempts portions of HB 321 as written. Because the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution precludes state law from violating federal law, I will not sign a bill that contravenes ERISA. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 321**.

HB 417 attempted to clarify which version of documents related to insurance contracts control when multiple versions in different languages conflict. As written, I believe the consequences of such a change in policy could be quite detrimental, and so **I VETO HB 417**.

HB 907 was originally intended to allow additional flexibility for management of middle schools, which I support. During the legislative process, however, language from another bill was added which imposes onerous requirements on the Department of Education regarding the Special Needs Voucher, most significant of which was the unqualified requirement to pay such vouchers in four equal quarterly payments. In a budget environment as challenging as this one – an environment in which public schools are being forced to operate on smaller budgets – it is not appropriate to tie administrators' hands and require them to fund vouchers fully as they seek budget flexibility elsewhere during these uncertain economic times. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 907**.

HB 990, sponsored by Rep. Alan Powell, began as the Georgia State Patrol's Federal Motor Carrier Compliance legislation, which resolved issues of incompatibility and enforcement between state law and federal regulations. Unfortunately, the bill was amended during the legislative process with a Fleet Vehicle Registration Plan Amendment. This amendment causes significant operational hurdles and will cost the Department of Revenue nearly \$1 million to implement, funds which were not appropriated for this purpose. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 990**.

HB 1023 contains various changes to tax policy, many of which may have merit but also have substantial impact on future state revenues. HB 1405, which I have signed, creates a Tax Reform Study Committee charged with the task of reviewing all our tax policies and proposing sweeping changes as needed to the General Assembly for its consideration next session. Because of the long-term fiscal implications of HB 1023, I believe the tax policy changes it contains are best considered by the Tax Reform Study Committee, rather than signing them all into law at this time. For this reason, **I VETO HB 1023**.

HB 1028 allows landowners that have placed their land in a conservation covenant to subdivide that land in a manner allowing them to avoid paying tax penalties. In 2008, I signed the Forest Land Protection Act, which provides a way for forest land owners to continue their ownership of these valuable resources by reducing the burden of property taxes on their forest land. The State and local governments have invested millions of dollars in this program, the purpose of which was to help owners maintain their land for conservation purposes. Property owners who make an agreement with the State to conserve their forest for the term of the conservation covenant – and accepts a financial benefit in return – is and should be responsible for any breach of that agreement. **HB 1028** would allow owners who sell land they have agreed to keep as forest land to avoid penalties if the conservation covenant is broken. This does not promote the original intent of the Forest Land Protection Act to help owners conserve their forests, and so **I VETO HB 1028**.

HB 1082 creates a new kind of freeport exemption available to local governments. Currently, local governments are able to enact a freeport exemption that exempts warehouses, distributors, manufacturers, and the like from inventory taxes. **HB 1082** creates a second kind of exemption that would apply to retailers. Because this expansion of the exemption would merely create competition between counties at the expense of the property tax base of each county, **I VETO HB 1082**.

HB 1236 requires all municipal court judges to be members of the State Bar of Georgia. Because I believe cities should be able to decide what qualifications their municipal judges should have, **I VETO HB 1236**.

HB 1251 allows for significant exemptions from sales taxes for future tourism projects. In previous years, I have supported state participation in tourism projects when considered on a case-by-case basis. I have signed legislation in the past to assist tourism developments and this year I supported bond funding for the College Football Hall of Fame. However, I cannot support legislation that funds up to 25 percent of the cost of a tourism project by allowing the developers to receive refunds on state sales taxes that are collected. The tourism industry is one of Georgia's most important economic drivers, but funding developments through sales tax refunds has never been done in Georgia which sets precedent that I cannot support. As I have said repeatedly, the process used in previous years to consider projects with legislation on a case-by-case basis removes any unintended consequences of a bill such as this, and so **I VETO HB 1251**.

HB 1272 adds to state tax forms the opportunity for individual taxpayers to direct the Department of Revenue to send their state tax refund to research regarding lupus, kidney disease, and multiple sclerosis. Organizations seeking to cure such diseases and relieve the pain and suffering of those who have them are to be commended. This bill, however, is not an appropriate way in which to help such organizations. The cost to the State of administering such options decreases the amount of the contribution to the

organizations, which benefit more if people instead donate directly to those organizations. Not only so, but the legislation does not identify which organizations should receive the funds – it leaves it to the discretion of the Department of Revenue to select. Moreover, state tax forms already include eight such options for other deserving causes. Adding more will confuse taxpayers. Since only laudable causes will receive the votes of the General Assembly, there will never be a stopping place everyone will agree upon. Therefore, I cannot sign a bill adding to an already over-crowded set of options, and accordingly **I VETO HB 1272**.

HB 1321 expands the permissible purposes for which 911 taxes currently imposed on phone bills may be used. The bill violates the original intent of those funds, which was to provide counties with a mechanism to support emergency 911 services – not for counties to use for other needs such as operable and interoperable radio equipment. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 1321**.

HB 1407 would require the Department of Community Health to contract with a single administrator to provide dental services to recipients of medical assistance and participants in the PeachCare for Kids program. In 2008, I signed HB 1234, which provided a balanced approach to addressing some health care providers' concerns with Georgia's managed Medicaid program, and which maintained the healthy tension between providers and the Care Management Organizations that have been so successful in reducing the growth of Georgia's Medicaid budget. I said then that I would not support further legislative encroachment upon this very successful program, which has trimmed the annual growth rate of Medicaid spending from 12 to 14 percent a year to four to five percent a year. This is saving the state over \$1 billion annually at a time where any budget savings are critical. For these reasons, and the unknown fiscal consequences associated with this legislation, **I VETO HB 1407**.

SB 239 ensures that families moving from one school district to another register their children for school in a timely manner. Unfortunately, the language of a floor amendment seeking to safeguard homeschooling families instead accomplished the opposite; as written, the bill would actually require homeschooling families to enroll their children in a public or private school upon moving to a new school district. Because of this unintended consequence, **I VETO SB 239**.

SB 291 changes a variety of provisions within Georgia law regarding firearms. Among others, this bill would allow firearms to be carried into unsecure areas of airports. I have already signed SB 308, which clarifies Georgia's public gathering statute and preserves the rights of private property owners. I believe this language is sufficient and adequately clarifies the law for Georgia firearms license holders. For this reason, and despite unwarranted intrusion into this state matter by ill-advised federal officials, **I VETO SB 291**.

SB 373 mandates that private employers turn over employment history records to law enforcement agencies when law enforcement agencies are conducting background investigations on applications and officers eligible for certification and recertification. The state should not be mandating a private business to turn over records to a law enforcement agency or any public agency absent the due process provided through existing judicial and quasi-judicial processes. Moreover, the language limiting liability for private companies complying with the law is insufficient; it immunizes private businesses for liability only when they provide "complete and accurate" information. Because the question of whether the information provided was complete and accurate will likely be a primary ground of litigation, this is an exception that will swallow the rule. For these reasons, **I VETO SB 373**.

SB 415 essentially provides liability protection for one company that does business in the area of emergency communications. Although I strongly support tort reform, I believe it is inappropriate to do it one company at a time, and so **I VETO SB 415**.

Separation of powers

The Constitution gives the General Assembly sweeping legislative powers, including the authority to create and eliminate state agencies, alter their powers, and determine their budgets. The Constitution gives the Executive Branch executive powers - the responsibility to administer agencies, exercise such powers as are given by the General Assembly, and spend the amounts budgeted by the General Assembly. The Constitution requires the legislative and executive powers to remain separate: "The legislative, judicial, and executive powers shall forever remain separate and distinct, and no person discharging the duties of one shall at the same time exercise the functions of either of the others...." Ga. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 2, Para. 3. Often, during the last year of a Governor's last term, it is assumed that the outgoing Governor will be less vigilant in ensuring that these powers remain separate. I believe it is necessary, however, carefully to maintain that separation regardless of who is Governor. Four bills passed this year - SB 1, SB 148, SB 374, and SB 480 - are, in my view, inconsistent with the separation of powers required by the Georgia Constitution.

SB 1 provides changes to Georgia's budget act requiring a purported zero-based budgeting methodology to be applied to a fraction of all state programs annually and for all programs once every four years. Georgia first attempted this budget methodology in the 1970s under Governor Jimmy Carter and has abandoned it since that time. A survey of states finds that of the states that currently maintain this methodology in their statutes all have effectively abandoned the practice because of the additional bureaucratic process and overhead while producing few identifiable results. Additionally, SB 1 does not change the budget process employed by the General Assembly (which could employ zero-based budgeting in its budget process under current law if it so chose). Instead, SB 1

requires state agencies to administer dual budget processes concurrently, the new and the current budget process, to be implemented immediately for the upcoming budget cycle. It is not technically feasible to reprogram state information technology systems or to provide resources for this endeavor on the timeline stated in the bill. While SB 1 is motivated by an admirable goal, the realities of Georgia's and other states' experiences have demonstrated few results worth the overhead associated with this new process. Moreover, anyone familiar with the budget process I have employed during my eight years as Governor knows that I and my staff examine all facets of each agency's budget each year. Because existing law provides sufficient flexibility to conduct a searching examination of each agency's budget, and because SB 1 unnecessarily imposes new bureaucracy and restrictions on the Executive function of submitting budget requests, **I VETO SB 1**. I have already committed to work with supporters of the legislation to formalize Executive Branch policies that are consistent with the goals of this legislation.

SB 148 started in its original form as a bill I supported – it required regular analysis of regulatory boards within the Secretary of State's office and recommendations to the General Assembly regarding elimination of boards that are no longer necessary. That language also passed in SB 149, which I have signed. Unfortunately, during the legislative process, the text of HB 236 was added to SB 148. This language creates a "Legislative Sunset Advisory Subcommittee" of the General Assembly, which would regularly review all statutory state agencies to determine if they should continue to operate. Any agency reviewed by this subcommittee would automatically be repealed the following July unless the General Assembly took action to continue the agency (although the legislation confusingly also provides that no agency would be repealed until all responsibilities, statutory, financial, or otherwise, were affirmatively transferred by the General Assembly to another agency). The General Assembly already has full authority to pass legislation eliminating any statutory state agency, and also has full authority to reduce the budget of any agency to zero. This bill is unnecessary and unworkable, and fraught with potential for unintended consequences. For instance, when any substantial agency was up for review and was determined to warrant retention, the bill continuing that agency would be a must-pass bill. Such bills tend to be inviting targets for unrelated amendments that could not pass on their own, leaving future governors with the unappealing choice of signing a bill containing terrible policy or vetoing it and eliminating a necessary agency. Moreover, the bill violates separation of powers by constraining the discretion of the Executive Branch in submitting future budget requests; appropriating funds in response to a budget request from an Executive Branch agency is a Legislative function, but making the requests is an Executive function. Although I strongly believe it is vital regularly to assess the value each part of state government provides taxpayers, and have supported the elimination of certain agencies throughout my terms as Governor, I do not believe that SB 148 actually accomplishes its goal and instead creates substantial risk for unintended consequences. Accordingly, **I VETO SB 148**. I have already committed to work with supporters of the legislation to formalize Executive Branch policies that are consistent with the goals of this legislation.

SB 374 creates a "Legislative Economic Development Council", and grants to that council (composed of members of the General Assembly) certain powers Executive in nature over the State's economic development activities. This violates the constitutionally required separation of powers. "[A] member of the General Assembly cannot discharge the duties or exercise the functions of an agency within the executive branch of state government." 1988 Atty Gen. Op. Ga. 31. Accordingly, **I VETO SB 374**.

SB 480 creates a State Council of Economic Advisors that the Governor will be required to consult in preparing a revenue estimate for budgetary purposes. "[T]he Constitution clearly separates the respective functions of the executive and legislative branches of State Government with respect to appropriations. The language and structure of the Constitution leave no conclusion other than that it is the exclusive function of the executive branch to prepare a budget report, including therein the revenue estimate...." 1979 Op. Att'y Gen. Ga. 40 (1979). Although I have used a council of economic advisors to assist me in the preparation of my revenue estimate, and believe that this is a wise course of action, I also believe that future governors are entitled to determine for themselves from whom to seek counsel on such matters. Accordingly, **I VETO SB 480**.

SB 519 changes certain rules regarding golf carts and other motorized carts. The language of a late amendment to the bill, however, has the unintended effect of requiring every person who drives a golf cart to have a drivers' license. Although that consequence was not intended by the legislature, the language of the bill is plain and cannot be disregarded. As our Supreme Court has recognized, plain statutory language is "the sole evidence of the ultimate legislative intent." *Hollowell v. Jove*, 247 Ga. 678, 681 (1981); *see also I.N.S. v. Cardoza-Fonseca*, 480 U.S. 421, 452-453 (1987) (Scalia, J., concurring) ("Where the language of [a law] is clear, we are not free to replace it with an unenacted legislative intent."). I have discussed the devastating impact this bill would have on communities with substantial investments in golf cart paths such as Peachtree City with Rep. Matt Ramsey and Sen. Ronnie Chance. I support the original intent of the bill and encourage legislators to revisit the issue next session without the language in question, and so **I VETO SB 519**.

Local Legislation

SB 539 modifies membership to the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority. The current structure of the MILRA is sound and any attempt to convert ex-officio members to voting members would only cause disruption to the dynamics of this working board. For this reason, **I VETO SB 539**.

SB 547 is local legislation applicable to the City of St. Mary's in Camden County. A member of the City's legislative delegation and local officials requested a veto because of the adverse effects that this bill will have on the City's financial stability. In addition,

the City was not consulted before this legislation was introduced. For these reasons, **I VETO SB 547.**

HB 1422 is local legislation applicable to Montgomery County. Due to technical errors in the legislation, the sponsor of the bill and the local officials requested that it be vetoed. **I therefore VETO HB 1422.**

HB 1465 is local legislation applicable to the City of College Park in Fulton County. This legislation creates a Water and Sewer Authority that would have the power to construct infrastructure and serve constituents both inside and outside the corporate limits of the City of College Park. The Constitution requires legislation with extra-local effect to be general legislation, not local. For this reason, **I VETO HB 1465.**

HB 1478 is local legislation applicable to the City of Dexter in Laurens County. This legislation annexes an unincorporated area of the County into the City. The Laurens County Commission requested this bill be vetoed because the County was not given notice of the annexation or consulted as to the implications of service delivery to the area in question. Further, the unincorporated area being annexed is not contiguous to the City of Dexter's current corporate limits. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 1478.**

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

June 8, 2010

The Honorable Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor
240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable David Ralston
Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have line item vetoed the appropriations below and identified language to disregard for the following sections in House Bill 948:

Vetoed:

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 153, line 4675;

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 154, line 4691;

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 156, line 4704;

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 157, line 4711; and
Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 157, line 4715

Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 23, line 642;
Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 23, line 668;
Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 31, line 906;
Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 34, line 1032;
Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 37, line 1110;
Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1239;
Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 42, line 1264;
Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 44, line 1327;
Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2068;
Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2069;
Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2070;
Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2071;
Section 27, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 84, line 2597;
Section 31, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 100, line 3093; and
Section 36, pertaining to the State Properties Commission, page 109, line 3360

The Veto Messages and Language are attached for each item referenced above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sonny Perdue

SP:np

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Thurbert E. Baker, Attorney General
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Jack Hill, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Harbin, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Mr. Robert F. Ewing, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. Sewell R. Brumby, Legislative Counsel

Line-Item Vetoes by the Governor

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 153, line 4675:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$174,400 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Education, specifically to fund 20 percent of the cost of reconstruction at the Clarkdale Elementary School in Cobb County through the issuance of \$2,000,000 in 20-year bonds. This project was not vetted through the current Department of Education capital outlay process and was not requested by the agency. Further, in FY 2010, the state appropriated \$22,170,155 to match \$217,755,090 in federal funds for flood disaster relief to support area reconstruction efforts. Therefore, I veto this language (page 153, line 4675) in the provisions relative to Section 50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$174,400.

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 154, line 4691:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$558,080 in debt service to finance infrastructure expansion at Kennesaw State University in Cobb County through the issuance of \$6,400,000 in 20-year bonds. This project is largely focused on alleviating traffic congestion both in the Chastain Road/I-75 interchange and at Kennesaw State University. This project is more appropriately evaluated, programmed, and funded through the Georgia Department of Transportation. Therefore, I veto this language (page 154, line 4691) in the provisions relative to Section 50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$558,080.

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 156, line 4704:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$12,208 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the University System of Georgia, Board of Regents, specifically to acquire land to complete the Greene County Library in Greensboro through the issuance of \$140,000 in 20-year bonds. This project was not identified as a priority and was not requested by the agency. In addition, the purchasing of land to build a library parking lot is a local responsibility. It has been the position of this administration to follow the state approved agency capital outlay process to determine the capital needs for the State. Therefore, I veto this language (page 156, line 4704) in the provisions relative to Section

50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$12,208.

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 157, line 4711:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$172,124 in debt service to finance the design for facilities expansion on the Winder-Barrow Campus of Lanier Technical College in Barrow County through the issuance of \$740,000 in 5-year bonds. This project was not identified as a priority and was not requested by the agency. In addition, this project ranks second on the priority capital needs list at the college. It has been the position of this administration to follow the state approved agency capital outlay process to determine the capital needs for the State. Therefore, I veto this language (page 157, line 4711) in the provisions relative to Section 50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$172,124.

Section 50, pertaining to State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 157, line 4715:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$235,440 in debt service to finance projects and facilities to expand the Health Classroom Building on Currahee Campus at North Georgia Technical College in Stephens County through the issuance of \$2,700,000 in 20-year bonds. This project was not identified as a priority and was not requested by the agency. It has been the position of this administration to follow the state approved agency capital outlay process to determine the capital needs for the State. Therefore, I veto this language (page 157, line 4715) in the provisions relative to Section 50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$235,440.

Certain language contained in this appropriations bill is included for informational purposes and thus does not constitute an appropriation. Because the language is not an appropriation, it is non-binding, and the Governor may authorize the agencies to utilize those funds in accordance with the overall purpose of the appropriation and within the general law authority of the agency. Passages of non-binding information language to disregard are included below.

Intent Language Considered Non-binding

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 23, line 642:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to restore funding for the Emergency Receiving Facility at Central State Hospital's Powell Building. The department is authorized to provide services in the community for Developmental

Disability Consumers in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 23, line 668:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to restore funding for the Emergency Receiving Facility at Central State Hospital's Powell Building. The department is authorized to provide services in the community for Mental Health Consumers in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 31, line 906:

The General Assembly seeks to earmark \$75,000 for the House of Mercy in Columbus in the Special Housing Initiatives program. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 34, line 1032:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to provide a rate increase for inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursement by 12 percent and hold critical access hospitals harmless in the adjustments in the Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid program. The department is authorized to determine reimbursement rates based on funds appropriated and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 37, line 1110:

The General Assembly seeks to earmark \$600,000 for operating expenses of the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance program in the Health Care Access and Improvement program. The department is authorized to provide air ambulance services in Northwest Georgia in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1239:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to provide a rate increase for inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursement by 12 percent and hold critical access hospitals harmless in the adjustments in the Low Income Medicaid program. The department is authorized to determine reimbursement rates based on funds appropriated and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 42, line 1264:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to provide a rate increase for inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursement by 12 percent and hold critical access hospitals harmless in the adjustments in the PeachCare Program. The department is authorized to determine reimbursement rates based on the latest provider fee models, revenue estimate, holding exempt hospitals harmless, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 44, line 1327:

The General Assembly seeks to earmark \$200,000 for a new residency program in the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program. The Department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2068:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to eliminate funds for SAT Prep. Use GACollege411 for ACT and SAT practice tests in the Testing program. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2069:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to reduce funds for PSAT (\$815,000) and AP exams (\$4,200,000) in the Testing program. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2070:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to eliminate funds for the CRCT for grades 1 and 2 in the Testing program. CRCTs in grades 1 and 2 ensure that students in those grades are meeting state standards and give parents confidence that their children are making adequate progress. CRCTs in grades 1 and 2 also help prepare students for the CRCT in grade 3, the passage of which is required to move on to 4th grade. It is unwise to eliminate the CRCT in grades 1 and 2. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the department.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 68, line 2071:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to eliminate funds for the writing assessment for grades 3 and 5 in the Testing program. Writing is one of the most fundamental skills a student must master in order to be prepared for later grades and ultimately to succeed in life. Failing to administer writing assessments in grades 3 and 5 will have a detrimental effect on students and could possibly lead to an inadequate amount of instruction in this fundamental skill. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the department.

Section 27, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 84, line 2597:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the department to reduce funds for regional managers and regional field program specialists in the Federal Eligibility Benefit Services program. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 31, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 100, line 3093:

The General Assembly seeks to earmark \$24,287 for the Georgia Talking Book Center in Augusta through the Vocational Rehabilitation program. The department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.

Section 36, pertaining to the State Properties Commission, page 109, line 3360:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the State Properties Commission as to what funds should be remitted to the State Treasury. Payments to the Treasury by the State Properties Commission should align with the Governor's Revenue Estimate. This language dictates a matter controlled by general law and is therefore null and void.

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

June 16, 2010

Honorable Sonny Perdue
201 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: DOT Board Election – 8th Congressional District

Dear Governor:

I hereby submit my resignation, effective today, to the House of Representatives District 125. As you know, I was chosen by the 8th Congressional caucus yesterday to serve on the Department of Transportation Board.

Having served the citizens of the 125th District for the past six years has been an incredible honor. You choosing me and allowing me to serve as Floor Leader since 2007 was a privilege and honor I will treasure the rest of my life.

The friendships I have made during my tenure will undoubtedly be the fondest of my memories. I will cherish them for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim

Jim Cole, 125th
State Representative

cc: Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Robbie Rivers, Clerk of the House of Representatives
Robyn Underwood, Fiscal Officer
Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

June 21, 2010

Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary of State Kemp:

Enclosed is a certificate from the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives certifying that Honorable Jim Cole was elected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the Eighth Congressional District. He will serve

for a term expiring April 15, 2012. This certificate is furnished to you pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Sewell R. Brumby
Legislative Counsel

SRB:dd
Enclosures

cc: Honorable Sonny Perdue
Honorable Casey Cagle
Honorable David Ralston
Honorable Alan Peake
Honorable Johnny Grant
Honorable Jim Cole
Mr. Bob Ewing
Mr. Robert E. Rivers, Jr.

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

TO: HONORABLE BRIAN KEMP
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Jim Cole has been elected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 8th Congressional District for a term expiring April 15, 2012.

/s/ Casey Cagle
HONORABLE CASEY CAGLE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ David Ralston
HONORABLE DAVID RALSTON
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

CERTIFICATION OF CAUCUS ELECTION

Pursuant to the call for a caucus under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, a caucus was held on June 15, 2010, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building. At that caucus, Honorable Jim Cole was elected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 8th Congressional District to serve a term expiring April 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Allen Peake
Honorable Allen Peake
Representative, District 137th
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Johnny Grant
Honorable Johnny Grant
Senator, District 25
SECRETARY

Speaker's Order No. 2010-2

PURSUANT to the provisions of Rule 10.2 of the Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives a special joint committee of the House and Senate is hereby appointed to draft legislation that stems the flow of illegal immigration activity in Georgia.

This committee of the House and Senate shall be designated as the *Special Joint Committee on Immigration Reform*. The committee shall only have authority to deliberate, hear testimony, compel witnesses or consider amendments that are germane to the subject matter of bills assigned to it regarding immigration reform. The Committee shall act during its existence with the same authority, in all respects, as if it was one of the standing committees of the House established by Rule 10.1.

The following members of the house are appointed as officers of the Committee:

1. Co-Chairman: Matt Ramsey

The following members of the House are appointed to serve on the Committee:

2. Katie Dempsey
3. David Casas
4. Rick Austin
5. Michael Harden
6. Greg Morris
7. Stephen Allison

SO ORDERED, by my hand, this 4th day of October, 2010.

/s/ David Ralston
David Ralston, Speaker
House of Representatives

House of Representatives
338 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

November 1, 2010

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor, State of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue,

Effective today, Wednesday November 3rd, 2010, I am resigning my seat as State Representative of House District 179. I am taking this action in order to accept a position in the private sector.

It has been a distinct honor to serve the people of my district with you as Governor. Thank you for your many considerations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry Keen
Majority Leader

JK: mc

CC: Honorable David Ralston, Speaker, House of Representatives
Honorable Robbie Rivers, Clerk, House of Representatives
Robyn Underwood, Fiscal Officer

Speaker's Order No. 2010-3

PURSUANT to the provisions of Rule 12 of the Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Assignments is hereby formed.

The following members of the House are appointed to serve, along with the Speaker and the Majority Leader, as a Committee on Assignments:

1. Amy Carter
2. Tom Dickson
3. Terry England
4. Rich Golick
5. Mark Hamilton
6. Penny Houston
7. Jan Jones
8. Edward Lindsey
9. John Meadows
10. Allen Peake
11. Jay Powell
12. Matt Ramsey
13. Jay Roberts
14. Donna Sheldon
15. Richard Smith

The Committee on Assignments shall convene as soon as possible for the purpose of making the assignments, appointments, and placements specified herein as authorized by Rule 12 of the Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives.

The Committee is authorized to make the following assignments, appointments, and placements:

1. The Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, and Secretaries (if desired) of each of the standing committees of the House;
2. The committee assignments for each member of the House to the standing committees of the House;
3. The office assignments for each member of the House to an office designated in the Capitol or the Coverdell Legislative Office Building;
4. The seat assignment for each member of the House to a seat in the House Chamber.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 14.2, the meetings of this committee will not be open to members of the public.

SO ORDERED, by my hand, this 23rd day of November, 2010.

/s/ David Ralston
David Ralston, Speaker
House of Representatives

House of Representatives
Coverdell Office Building, Room 504
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 8, 2010

Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor
State of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the fine people of District 178 in the General Assembly. However, because of my new role as Department of Natural Resources Commissioner I must resign my seat.

Thank you for your service to Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark P. Williams

MPW/jj

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

December 10, 2010

The Honorable Mark Williams
Representative, District 178

P.O. Box 923
Jesup, Georgia 31545

Dear Representative Williams:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective immediately.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best in your new role as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and all of your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sonny Perdue

SP:rg

cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Robbie Rivers, Clerk of the House

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Due to the passing of the Representative from the 136th, a vacancy now exists in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Therefore, pursuant to Article II, Section II, Paragraph V of the Constitution and Section 21-2-544 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, a Writ of Election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, to fill the vacancy in District 136 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 10th day of December, 2010.

/s/ Sonny Perdue
Governor

THE STATE OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 178 has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Mark Williams.

Therefore, pursuant to Article V, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and Section 21-2-544 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, a Writ of Election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, to fill the vacancy in District 178 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 10th day of December, 2010.

/s/ Sonny Perdue
Governor

House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 218
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 10, 2010

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

Please accept this letter as my official resignation of my position as State Representative, District 153, effective January 4, 2011, at 12:01 a.m.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the constituents of my district, as well as all the people of Georgia this past 14 years. I look forward to continuing to serve our great state as a member of the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

/s/ Austin Scott

AS/pmn

Cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker
Robbie Rivers, Clerk of the House
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Robyn Underwood, Legislative Fiscal Office

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 612
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 4, 2011

Speaker David Ralston
Room 332, State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston:

This letter is to certify that the House Democratic Caucus elected Stacey Abrams as Minority Leader and Carolyn Hugley as Minority Whip for the 2011-2012 term of the Georgia General Assembly.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian W. Thomas
Chairman, House Democratic Caucus

cc: Robbie Rivers, Clerk
Robyn Underwood, Legislative Fiscal Officer

House of Representatives
415 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 5, 2011

The Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Clerk
Georgia House of Representatives
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to House Rule 11.6, this is to certify that the House Majority Caucus elected The Honorable Larry O'Neal, House Majority Leader and The Honorable Edward Lindsey, House Majority Whip to serve the 2011-2012 term of the Georgia General Assembly.

Respectfully,

/s/ Donna H. Sheldon
Donna Sheldon, Chair
House Majority Caucus

DS/cb

The Speaker announced the House in recess until the hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 17.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 17 having arrived, the members of the House and Senate met for the purpose of inaugurating the Honorable Nathan Deal as Governor and the Honorable Casey Cagle as Lieutenant Governor.

The inaugural program was as follows:

The Inauguration of Nathan Deal
And the Constitutional Officers
of the State of Georgia

January the Tenth, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Georgia Inaugural Committee 2011

Thank you for taking part in the 2011 Inaugural Celebration. We were honored to be asked by the Governor-elect and Mrs. Deal to co-chair this small piece of Georgia history. We have done so with keen eyes focused on the quiet leadership style and example set by our new Governor. We chose to begin this celebration with service to those most in need and we were overwhelmed by the generous support offered to our day of service, "With a Servant's Heart."

Though we both came to know Governor-elect Nathan Deal and his family on separate paths, we joined this effort for the same reason: Georgia deserves the best conservative leadership and Georgians chose the best in Nathan Deal. At his direction, and with the strong leadership of our Secretary of State and Honorary Chairman, Brian Kemp, we set out to make this a celebration for the entire slate of state Constitutional officers, and we

are humbled that they all chose to participate at every level of the planning and execution of the 2011 Inaugural.

Altogether, we have been working to build the grassroots network in Georgia for over 25 years. The foundation laid by Johnny Isakson, Saxby Chambliss and Sonny Perdue, and now cemented by Nathan Deal demands strong stewardship. Leaders such as David Ralston, Casey Cagle, Tommie Williams, and Jan Jones are strengthening the GOP brand. As we go forward from this historic event in which Republicans have been elected to keep the trust of every statewide office, the House and the Senate, let us pledge to stand proudly on the shoulders of those who made this day possible and now build this foundation ever stronger.

In closing, we give special thanks to all the volunteers, benefactors, and Inaugural and Transition staff who made these events a priority all through the holiday season of 2010. Their dedication and support is, in fact, a tribute to the hope and optimism we all have for our state and its new leadership team.

/s/ Jay Morgan /s/ Tricia Pridemore
Co-chairs, 2011 Georgia Inaugural

Honorary Inaugural Committee

Secretary of State Brian Kemp,
Honorary Co-Chair

Jason Deal

Mary Emily O'Bradovich

Carrie Wilder

Katie Wright

Executive Inaugural Committee

Mandy Cronan

Alec Poitevint

Steve Croy

Ansley Saville

Mary Dunagan

Jerry Usry

Sue Everhart

Mary Hart Wilheit

Susan Jessup	Vicki Zimmerman
Thelma Kilpatrick	David Hanna, Finance Chairman
Lisa Leiter	Kevin Curtin, Finance Co-Chairman
Kathy Lovett	Robert Highsmith Executive Counsel
Linda McWhorter	Chris Clark, President, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Carolyn Meadows	
Helen Rice	

Special thanks to Steve Stancil, Executive Director of the Georgia Building Authority; Paul Melvin, Project Manager, Support Services of the Georgia Building Authority; Joy Forth, Director of the Governor's Mansion; and Chris Young, Chief of Protocol of the State of Georgia.

Georgia Inaugural History

In Georgia, and across the United States, there is a deep respect for the rich history of gubernatorial inaugurations.

For well over a century in Georgia, the swearing-in of a new Governor took place before a relatively small audience. The ceremony was usually held in the House of Representatives chamber before a joint session of the legislature and citizens in the gallery.

Having taken the Oath of Office, Georgia's new Governor would then swear-in the other Constitutional officers and then deliver his Inaugural address before those in attendance. Following the Inaugural ceremony, the Governor would attend a small gathering held upstairs in the Capitol building, providing Georgia's new Chief Executive the opportunity to spend a few moments with legislators and other Georgia leaders.

In 1946, the Inaugural ceremony was moved outdoors, providing thousands of Georgians the opportunity to view the special event. Though held indoors in recent years, this year Governor-Elect Nathan Deal decided to return the festivities outdoors, to the steps of the Capitol.

My Fellow Georgians,

Thank you for taking time to participate in this very special occasion. Sandra and I are honored that you are here. Today, we cast aside the labels of party for the unity of being Georgians. Like the 81 men who have gone before me, I pledge to do what is best for our state and her people. Each governor has come into office with a unique set of goals and challenges. I believe that with the dedication of our people and the help of Almighty God, our administration can accomplish much. Georgia is a diverse state with its beautiful mountains, its pristine coast, the fertile farmland of the Coastal Plain and a citizenry that spans the world. The population of our state has tripled in my lifetime. In the past decade, we have grown by 1.5 million people because our state offers the quality of life that people are seeking. Today, I enter office with the largest group of new Constitutional officers in modern times. I have pledged to work together with them as we seek to protect the interests of all Georgians. I have always believed that public service is honorable and I will work daily to make sure that we serve the people of our state to the best of our abilities.

May God bless you and the Great State of Georgia.
Respectfully,

/s/ Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia

With a Servant's Heart
A Day of Service

As a prosecutor, a judge, a state senator and U.S. congressman, Nathan Deal has chosen a life of public service. That is why we kicked off the Inaugural weekend and the administration of Georgia's 82nd Governor With a Servant's Heart, because that's how Governor-elect and Mrs. Deal have led their lives.

On January 8, 2011, volunteers throughout the state of Georgia worked together on over 30 projects to give back to their communities. In partnering with local charities, shelters, missions, food banks and environmental agencies, we thank this great state and give with a servant's heart. To commend those who gave their time and talents, a special volunteers-only concert capped off the day.

Thanks to the organizations that allowed us to organize this Day of Service. Their daily work is an inspiration to every Georgian:

Good News at Noon,
Gainesville, GA

Atlanta MedShare
Atlanta, GA

Good News Clinics,
Gainesville, GA

Sweetwater Creek State
Park, Douglasville, GA

MUST Ministries
Marietta, GA

Habitat for Humanity,
Atlanta, GA

Second Harvest of South
Georgia, Valdosta, GA

Fort Yargo State Park,
Winder, GA

FFA-FCCLA Center, Covington, GA	Atlanta Furniture Bank, Atlanta, GA	The Center for Family Resources, Marietta, GA	There's Hope for the Hungry, Cumming, GA
House of Heroes, Columbus, GA	Middle Georgia Food Bank, Macon, GA	Fostering Families, Statesboro, GA	SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Marietta, GA
Athens Greenway Project, Athens, GA	America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Savannah, GA	Senior Connections, Atlanta, GA	Cobb Library Foundation, Marietta, GA
Dream House for Medically Fragile Children, Lilburn, GA	Rome Action Ministries, Rome, GA	Coweta-Newnan Habitat for Humanity, Newnan, GA	Albany Advocacy Resource Center & Second Harvest of South Georgia, Albany, GA
Norcross Cooperative Ministries, Norcross, GA	Wounded Warriors, Augusta, GA	Mountain Top Family Services, Sugar Valley, GA	Albany Police Americorps Albany, GA
Atlanta Mission, Atlanta, GA	Friendship Community Center, Augusta, GA	Keep Carroll County Beautiful, Carrollton, GA	

Also special thanks to Georgia Poultry Federation, Home Depot Foundation, Georgia EMCs, Wal-Mart, Buckhead Theater, and Bank of America for their support of "With a Servant's Heart."

Nathan Deal
Governor Of Georgia

Nathan Deal's rise to the governorship of his home state is a story rich in Georgia history.

Born in Millen to career educators Noah and Mary Deal, Nathan grew up in Sandersville. His father, a high school agriculture teacher, taught him to love the land and those who produce its food and fiber.

Nathan attended Mercer University in Macon, where he earned his undergraduate and law degrees with honors. In college, he answered the call of his country and began preparing for his full-time service in the United States Army, where he attained the rank of captain.

It was on a blind date during college that he met Sandra Dunagan of Gainesville. Married 44 years, their family now includes their four children and six grandchildren.

Nathan's career includes 23 years in private law practice. His public service includes his work as a criminal prosecutor, a juvenile court judge, 12 years in the state Senate and nine terms in the U.S. Congress.

His colleagues in the state Senate elected him president pro tem, the highest-ranking senator. In Congress, he served as chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on health. He was known on Capitol Hill as an expert on healthcare issues. As a leader

on immigration reform, he authored the law that required citizenship verification for health care benefits.

On May 1, 2009, he announced his bid for governor. He was elected on Nov. 2 as the 82nd Governor of Georgia.

Sandra Deal
First Lady of Georgia

Like her husband, Sandra Deal was born to parents who both chose teaching as a profession. Sandra also became a teacher, graduating from what is now Georgia College and State University at Milledgeville. While a student there, a friend set her up on a blind date with a college student from nearby Mercer University. His name was Nathan Deal.

Nathan and Sandra have been married for 44 years and have four grown children and six grandchildren. Sandra has now retired from education and is prepared to begin her service as Georgia's First Lady, in addition to being an active grandmother. Prior to their passing, George and Ida Lou Dunagan, Sandra's parents, and Nathan's mother, Mary, lived at Nathan and Sandra's home. Caring for their parents in their twilight years was an honor for them.

The Deals are members of First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

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Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor Of Georgia

My Fellow Georgians,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's Inaugural festivities and to celebrate Georgia with you.

We began this journey together four years ago and today we start the next chapter. I am honored to be surrounded by family and friends as we take an oath to serve our state for another term. Nita and I can't adequately thank you for the trust you've placed in us and we pledge to work every day to make you proud.

Our state is facing serious challenges. Yet we also have tremendous opportunities ahead if we're willing to make the difficult decisions and wise investments today that will lead us to an even brighter tomorrow.

These choices won't always be easy, but nothing of value comes without hard work and great sacrifice. The time is now for leaders to rise, to meet these challenges head on and to turn our state toward a prosperous future.

Today we celebrate, but tomorrow the hard work continues – the hard work of giving our children access to the education they need to compete in the 21st Century global economy, the hard work of making Georgia the most economically viable state in which to do business, the hard work of taking care of the truly needy among us.

Thank you again for being here and for the honor of serving as your Lt. Governor. Together, let's lead Georgia to an even brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle

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Georgia House of Representatives

Greetings,

Today we celebrate a new beginning in our state's history. At the same time, I want to commend those who leave office today for their service to the state of Georgia. Public service is truly a rewarding experience, but also one of great sacrifice. For your efforts, we owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude.

For those who are being sworn in today, we all know that many challenges await us. I believe that the people of Georgia have chosen their elected representation well and that together we are ready to build a greater future for our state.

As the 2011 session begins, I look forward to serving with Governor Deal, Lieutenant Governor Cagle, members of the legislature and each one being sworn in today as we continue on our path of progress as a state. I truly believe that Georgia has a bright future

and our best days are ahead. I am grateful for your trust and the opportunity to continue serving you.

Sincerely,

David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Georgia House of Representatives

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Inaugural Program
 Georgia State Capitol
 Monday, January 10, 2011
 2:00 pm

Pre-Ceremony	116th Army Band Georgia Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Everett Yeckley, Presiding Officer
Georgia on My Mind	Katie Deal
Joint Session Call to Order	The Speaker of the House, David Ralston
Presentation of Colors	The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard
The National Anthem	Sgt. Richard M. Scarlett Maneuver Center of Excellence Band Ft. Benning, Georgia
Invocation	Dr. William Coates, Jr. Senior Pastor, First Baptist Gainesville
Delivery of the Great Seal	Secretary of State Brian Kemp
Administration of Oath of Office to the Governor	
19-Gun Salute	Georgia National Guard

Administration of Oath of Office to The Lieutenant Governor	Governor Nathan Deal
Inaugural Remarks	Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
Administration of Oath of Office to Constitutional Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary of State Brian Kemp • Attorney General-Elect Sam Olens • Agriculture Commissioner-Elect Gary Black • Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ralph Hudgens • State School Superintendent-Elect John Barge • Labor Commissioner-Elect Mark Butler
To God Be The Glory (My Tribute)	Timothy Miller, Soloist, Atlanta Opera
Inaugural Address	Governor Nathan Deal
God Bless America	Chris Wright
Benediction	The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory The Archbishop of Atlanta
Dissolution of Joint Session of Legislature	Lt. Governor Casey Cagle

The Oath of Office

"I do Solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Governor of the State of Georgia and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution thereof and the Constitution of the United States."

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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan

"Let each become all that he was created capable of being."

Thomas Carlyle

The following inaugural address was delivered by His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal:

Lt. Governor Cagle, Speaker Ralston, Governor Perdue, Members of the General Assembly, Members of our Congressional Delegation, Members of the Judiciary, Members of the Consular Corps, my fellow Georgians:

On this second week of the second decade of the 21st Century, my wife Sandra and I enter the service of our native state with excited expectancy, sincere humility and unwavering resolve.

As we stand here in this beautiful Capitol building, I recall my first visit here as a fifth grade student at Sandersville Elementary School. Our class rode the Nancy Hanks train to Atlanta and visited here and the Cyclorama. For many of us it was our first train ride and our first visit to our Capitol city.

Much has changed in the more than a half century since my first visit here, but my sense of awe and appreciation of our history has not. The historic journey on the road of self-government which our nation and state embarked upon almost two and one half centuries ago has taken us through the battlefields of Revolution, Civil War and World Wars.

Throughout this "Experiment in Democracy," there has been a healthy skepticism by "We the People" about the role of government which we have "ordained and established." The

lingering pain of this "Great Recession" in which we are still engulfed has underscored the urgency of re-examining the role of government in our lives.

The evolution of society has infringed on much of the elbow room our ancestors enjoyed and government has been asked to regulate our actions as we bump into each other in our frantic search for success. In times of economic prosperity, we often ignore the costs and inconvenience of governmental paternalism. But in times such as these, with more than one of every ten of our employable citizens out of work, we must justify every cent that government extracts from our economy. Therefore, we must concentrate our attention and our resources on the core responsibilities of government.

Our State Constitution provides that "Government is instituted for the protection, security, and benefit of the people..." (Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 2). Keeping our citizens safe, therefore, is one of state government's primary responsibilities. The challenge is great. Presently, one out of every thirteen Georgia residents is under some form of correctional control. It cost about Three Million Dollars per day to operate our Department of Corrections. And yet, every day criminals continue to inflict violence on our citizens and an alarming number of perpetrators are juveniles.

College students should be concerned about their grades not whether they are going to be mugged on their way home from class. Visitors to our cities should be treated as welcomed guests and protected. Families should not live in fear of gang violence and drive-by shootings. But most of all, our dedicated law enforcement officers must not be targets for criminals. Anyone who harms one of them harms us all, for they embody the Constitutional mandate that government provide us with protection and security.

Breaking the culture of crime and violence is not a task for law enforcement officials alone. Parents must assume more responsibility for their children. Communities must marshal their collective wills; civic and religious organizations must use their influence to set the tone for expected behavior.

For violent and repeat offenders, we will make you pay for your crimes. For other offenders who want to change their lives, we will provide the opportunity to do so with Day Reporting Centers, Drug, DUI and Mental Health Courts and expanded probation and treatment options. As a State, we cannot afford to have so many of our citizens waste their lives because of addictions. It is draining our State Treasury and depleting our workforce.

As Governor I call on local elected officials, Sheriffs and local law enforcement personnel to work with me and State law enforcement officers to break this cycle of crime that threatens the security of all law abiding citizens.

One of the other core responsibilities of State government is the education of our children. This is an undertaking that has been the primary focus of several of my predecessors in this office. Despite their best efforts and that of dedicated teachers and educators all across our state, our public education system in grades K through 12 has failed to make the progress we need. This failure is a stain on our efforts to recruit businesses to our State and is a contributing factor in the frightening crime statistics previously mentioned. High dropout rates and low graduation percentages are incompatible with the future I envision for Georgia.

We are blessed with many schools that are producing excellent results and it is their example which we should attempt to replicate all across the state. We are also blessed with dedicated teachers and principals who work very hard to improve the lives of the young people they teach. In addition, we have many support staff and dedicated parents who are an important part of our education system. I thank them for their service and encourage them in these difficult economic times. I will do my best to reward their efforts.

Improving public education is not just the responsibility of educators. Therefore, I call on all Georgians to rededicate themselves to the improvement of education. I ask parents to read to their young children and cooperate with teachers so that educational excellence is a family goal. I ask teachers and educators to recommit themselves to their profession and be willing to embrace new ideas. I ask local school boards to listen to the opinions of parents and teachers as they adopt education policies. And I ask the members of the General Assembly and our State School Board to work with me to restore discipline in our schools, eliminate bureaucratic nonsense, adopt fair funding mechanisms and reward quality and excellence. If we do these things, we will convey the magic of learning to our children and restore the joy of teaching to our educators.

One of the bright stars of education in our State is the HOPE Program. This initiative of Former Governor Zell Miller has greatly enhanced the Pre-K, Technical College and College and University opportunities for our young people. As the scope of these programs has expanded and as the number of participants has increased, the financial reserves are being rapidly depleted. I am dedicated to honoring the promise that has been made to our students through HOPE and will work with the General Assembly to tailor the program to the financial realities we face today. I was not elected to make easy decisions, but difficult ones. In this legislative session we will save the HOPE for future generations.

Another core responsibility of State Government is transportation. With an expansive land mass that is populated by one large metropolitan area, several medium-sized municipalities, and many smaller cities and rural counties, our transportation needs are very diverse. With our ports at Savannah and Brunswick, we are part of an expanding international trade community. We will do our part to deepen the Savannah port in order

to accommodate the larger vessels that will soon pass through the Panama Canal. But we must do more. Our rail capacity and cargo routes must be improved and expanded. We must not miss this opportunity to provide jobs for Georgians.

Highway congestion, especially in the Greater Atlanta area is a deterrent to job growth in the region. If we do not solve this problem soon, we will lose the businesses who want to expand or locate in our State. I am dedicated to working with all elements of government to improve our transportation system and I call on all Georgians to join us. We must put aside some of the regional differences of the past and work for the common good of our State.

As our State continues to grow, the demand for water has likewise increased. As Governor, I will continue to pursue negotiations with Alabama and Florida to reach a resolution of the long standing dispute over the use of water in our Federal reservoirs and our major rivers. We will develop regional reservoirs and continue our conservation efforts. We have been blessed with abundant water resources and we must use them wisely.

Georgia cannot achieve its potential if its people are not healthy. As Governor, I will resist the efforts of the Federal Government to mandate its solutions on our people, our businesses and our State government. We will do our part to provide healthcare to our most vulnerable citizens, but government cannot make or keep us healthy. The primary responsibility for good health rests with individuals and families. We can help cultivate a culture of wellness in our educational programs and offer incentives in Medicaid and the State Health Insurance Program, but it is only individuals and families that can make healthy lifestyle choices.

There are many other functions of our State Government, but I consider these to be the most important. Each in its own way is a part of the greatest challenge we face, the creation of jobs for our citizens. If we make Georgia the best place in the country to live, learn and work, businesses will grow and expand and we will achieve real prosperity. That is my goal and the actions of my administration will always be focused on it.

So today as we embark on this journey to lead our State forward, I call on all Georgians to assume responsibility for themselves and their family. I call on communities and civic and religious organizations to continue and expand their efforts to serve the needs of people in their area. State government cannot and should not be expected to provide for us what we can provide for ourselves.

Let us refocus State Government on its core responsibilities and relieve our taxpayers of the burden of unnecessary programs. Let us be frugal and wise. Let us restore the confidence of our citizens in a government that is limited and efficient. Together let us make Georgia the brightest star in the constellation of these United States.

May God bless you and our great State of Georgia.

The Joint Session was dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolution of the House was read and adopted:

HR 24. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the General Assembly shall adjourn at the close of the legislative day on Monday, January 10, 2011, and shall reconvene at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the duration of the remainder of the 2011 session of the General Assembly until its 40th day, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall adjourn at 5:00 P.M. on each Friday on which the General Assembly is in session and shall reconvene on the Monday next following.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as authorized by Code Section 28-1-2, the hour for convening the Senate on each such Monday may be as ordered by the Senate; and the hour for convening the House on each such Monday may be as ordered by the House.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, January 12, 2011.