

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Monday, January 9, 2012**

**First Legislative Day**

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

The following communications were received:

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

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: THE HONORABLE NATHAN DEAL  
GOVERNOR**

**FROM: REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MILLS**

Dear Governor Deal:

I have been blessed by God and the people of Hall County to be allowed to serve in the position of State Representative for the past 19 years, and I am so grateful. It is time for me now to respectfully submit my resignation from the office of State Representative of the 25th District. It has been an honor to serve, and I will always treasure my friends and time in the House. My resignation will be effective October 1, 2011.

In God We Trust

James Mills

Cc: The Honorable David Ralston  
The Honorable Robert Rivers

House of Representatives  
Coverdell Office Building, Room 607  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

September 21, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor of Georgia  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal,

Due to the vacancy in the State Senate, District 50, created by the Honorable Jim B. Butterworth's acceptance of your Call to lead our Georgia National Guard as our next Adjutant General, it is my honor to inform you of my intent to seek that office.

As such, I hereby submit my resignation from the Georgia House of Representatives, District 10, effective immediately. This resignation is contingent upon your formal acceptance of the resignation of Senator Butterworth from the State Senate.

It has been one of my highest honors to serve the people of the 10th House District! Certainly, I have made great friends and lasting relationships as we have worked together to make Georgia a better place for all Georgians. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the people of the 50th Senate District and our great state! May God bless you and our state and you continue to lead!

With Highest Regard,

/s/ Rick Austin  
Representative Rick Austin

Cc: The Honorable David Ralston  
Speaker of the House

State of Georgia  
Office of the Governor  
Atlanta 30334-0900

September 28, 2011

The Honorable James W. Mills  
Representative, District 25  
2948 Kilgore Falls Drive  
Gainesville, Georgia 30507

Dear Representative Mills:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 25 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective October 1, 2011.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of the 25th District and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND: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 Georgia House of Representatives

State of Georgia  
Office of the Governor  
Atlanta 30334-0900

September 28, 2011

The Honorable Rick Austin  
Representative, District 10  
1590 Double Springs Road  
Demorest, Georgia 30535

Dear Representative Austin:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 10 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective September 21, 2011.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of the 10th District and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND: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 Georgia House of Representatives

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 with this office for the Special Election Runoff held on the 18th day of October 2011 in District 43 for State Representative in Cobb County, to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Robert Franklin.

Having received a majority of votes cast, John K. Carson, Jr. 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 24th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State

(SEAL)

**Official Election Results**  
**October 18, 2011 Special Election**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 43**

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
<b>COBB</b>		
John Carson	1,250	65.10
Robert Lamutt	670	34.90
<b>Votes For Seat In County:</b>	<b>1,920</b>	
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>1,920</b>	

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John Carson	1,250	65.10
Robert Lamutt	670	34.90
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>1,920</b>	
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House of Representatives  
401 State Capitol Building  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

October 24, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor, State of Georgia  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

I herewith submit my resignation, effective October 31, 2011, from my position as the State Representative from House District 68. It was a true honor to have been elected to this position and to serve the citizens of the 68th for over seven years as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. As you are aware, my resignation is due to your decision to nominate me to the position of Director of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, a post I look forward to assuming on November 1, 2011.

As Chairman of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security, it has been a distinct privilege to work with the law enforcement community as it sought ways to better protect the citizens of our great state. I look forward to continuing this effort in this new capacity as the Director of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy J. Bearden  
State Representative  
District 68

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

State of Georgia  
Office of the Governor  
Atlanta 30334-0900

October 28, 2011

The Honorable Tim Bearden  
Representative, District 68  
Georgia House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 148  
Villa Rica, Georgia 30180

Dear Representative Bearden:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 68 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective October 31, 2011.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of the 68th District and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND: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 Georgia House of Representatives

THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 68 has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Timothy J. Bearden.

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, December 6, 2011, to fill the vacancy in District 68 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 31st day of October, 2011.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 43  
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/ John K. Carson, Jr.  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 1st day of November, 2011.

/s/ C. LaTain Kell  
 Judge, Superior Court of Cobb County

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 with this office for the Special Election held on the 8th day of November 2011, in District 10 for State Representative in Habersham and White County, to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Rick Austin.

Having received a majority of votes cast, Terry Rogers 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 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

(SEAL)

/s/ Brian P. Kemp  
 Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State

**Official Election Results  
 November 8, 2011 Special Election**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 10**

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
<b>HABERSHAM</b>		
J. Bruce Harkness, Sr.	1,237	24.64
Lori Duke Jones	724	14.42
Terry Rogers	3,043	60.62
<b>Votes For Seat In County:</b>	<b>5,004</b>	
<b>WHITE</b>		
J. Bruce Harkness, Sr.	159	18.64
Lori Duke Jones	138	16.18
Terry Rogers	551	64.60

**Votes For Seat In County: 848**

**Total Votes For Seat: 5,852**

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
J. Bruce Harkness, Sr.	1,396	23.86
Lori Duke Jones	862	14.73
Terry Rogers	3,594	61.41
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>5,852</b>	

**5,852**

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 10  
 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/ Terry Rogers  
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 18th day of November, 2011.

/s/ David Nahmias  
Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

230 Tonawanda Drive, SE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

December 5, 2011

Governor Nathan Deal  
Office of the Governor  
State of Georgia  
203 Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from my position as State Representative for House District 60. My last day of employment will be December 6, 2011. While I am currently out of town, my intention is to return all State property no later than December 13, 2011.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of House District 60 and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gloria Bromell Tinubu  
Gloria Bromell Tinubu, Ph.D

Cc: David Ralston, Speaker  
Stacey Abrams, Minority Leader

State of Georgia  
Office of the Governor  
Atlanta 30334-0900

December 8, 2011

The Honorable Gloria Bromell Tinubu  
Representative, District 60

Georgia House of Representatives  
230 Tonawanda Drive, S.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear Representative Tinubu:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 60 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective December 6, 2011.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of the 60th District and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND: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 Georgia House of Representatives

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 Runoff held on the 6th day of December 2011, in District 25 for State Representative in Hall County to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable James Mills.

Having received a majority of votes cast, Emory W. Dunahoo, Jr. 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 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven and of the Independence of the

United States of America the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

(SEAL)

Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State

**Official Election Results  
December 6, 2011 Special Election**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 25**

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
<b>HALL</b>		
Bobby Banks	933	37.10
Emory West Dunahoo, Jr.	1,582	62.90
<b>Votes For Seat In County:</b>	<b>2,515</b>	
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>2,515</b>	
	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
Bobby Banks	933	37.10
Emory West Dunahoo, Jr.	1,582	62.90
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>2,515</b>	
	<b>2,515</b>	

**OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**HOUSE DISTRICT 25  
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/ Emory W. Dunahoo, Jr.  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This 14th day of December, 2011.

/s/ C. Andrew Fuller  
Judge, Superior Court  
Northeastern Judicial Circuit

THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 60 has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Gloria Bronell Tinubu.

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 7, 2012, to fill the vacancy in District 60 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 20th day of December, 2011.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Room 417  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 21, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor, State of Georgia  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

I herewith submit my resignation, effective December 22, 2011, from my position as the State Representative from House District 107. It was a true honor to have been elected to this position and to serve the citizens of the 107th for over seventeen years as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. My resignation is due to my appointment as pastor of the Big Canoe Chapel in Big Canoe, Georgia, which will require my family to move from the 107th district.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education, it has been a distinct privilege to promote and safeguard our state's universities and technical colleges. Educating our state's citizens is a cornerstone of government. I am grateful that I have been able to contribute and serve the citizens of this great state.

Sincerely,

/s/ Len Walker  
State Representative  
District 107

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

State of Georgia  
Office of the Governor  
Atlanta 30334-0900

December 22, 2011

The Honorable Len Walker  
Representative, District 107  
Georgia House of Representatives  
2972 Lake Edmond Road  
Loganville, Georgia 30052

Dear Representative Walker:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 107 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective December 22, 2011.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of the 107th District and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND: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 Georgia House of Representatives

THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 107 has become vacant due to the resignation of Representative Len Walker.

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 7, 2012, to fill the vacancy in District 107 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 22nd day of December, 2011.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

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

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

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

Representatives Dukes of the 150th, Greene of the 149th, Harbin of the 118th, Kidd of the 141st, Manning of the 32nd, Morris of the 155th, Oliver of the 83rd, Powell of the 29th, Smith of the 122nd, and Weldon of the 3rd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Representative Crawford of the 16th was excused on the preceding roll call. He wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Tom Jordan, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Epworth, Epworth, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

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

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

HB 658. By Representatives Lindsey of the 54th and Willard of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provision for damages, so as to change provisions relating to the reduction of earnings to present value; to provide for determining the present value or cost of certain future damages based upon expert testimony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 659. By Representative Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless conduct, so as to

change provisions relating to hazing; to provide that certain persons convicted of hazing shall not be eligible to attend schools in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 660. By Representatives Smith of the 129th, Taylor of the 173rd, Harden of the 28th and Baker of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of conservation use property, so as to provide for certain activities which shall not constitute a breach of a covenant to maintain the property in conservation use; to provide that operation of a commercial hunting preserve shall not constitute a breach; to provide that operation of a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm shall not constitute a breach; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 661. By Representatives Heard of the 114th and Williams of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to charter schools, so as to require that professional personnel in charter schools comply with the same certification requirements as professional personnel in the public schools in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 662. By Representatives Manning of the 32nd and Reece of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs, so as to enact the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act"; to provide definitions; to require an evaluation of a blind or visually impaired child to determine such child's need for Braille instruction; to require Braille instruction in the individualized education program of a blind or visually impaired student; to provide requirements for textbook publishers relating to Braille instructional materials; to provide license

requirements relating to Braille for certain teachers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 663. By Representatives Neal of the 1st, Lindsey of the 54th, Hatfield of the 177th, Benfield of the 85th, Brooks of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to change provisions relating to inspection, purging, modifying, or supplementing of criminal records; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedure; to provide for individuals who have not been convicted to have their arrest records restricted; to amend Code Section 5-6-34 and Code Section 15-11-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable and when a child may be fingerprinted or photographed and confidentiality of information, respectively, so as to provide for and correct a cross-reference; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 665. By Representative Maddox of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 15, and 44, Chapter 18 of Title 50, and Code Section 36-9-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil practice, courts, property, state printing and documents, and storage of documents, respectively, so as to modernize provisions relating to storage, collection, access, and transmittal of documents housed in clerk of superior court offices; to amend Code Section 1-3-1, Code Section 9-13-142, Title 15, and Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to construction of statutes generally, requirements for an official organ of publication, courts, and penal institutions, respectively, so as to conform provisions and correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 666. By Representative Weldon of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure and regulation of the practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, low-voltage

electrical contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting, so as to create the Division of Roofing Contractors within the State Construction Industry Licensing Board and provide for the licensure and regulation of roofing contractors; to change the statement of legislative purpose and add definitions; to provide for requirements for licensure and prohibit unlicensed performance of roofing contracting; to provide for an effective date and applicability contingent upon funding; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 667. By Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Brooks of the 63rd, Kidd of the 141st and Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to enact the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; to allow states to join together to establish an interstate compact to elect the president by national popular vote; to provide for the implementation of such compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1072. By Representative Crawford of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that the paramount right to life is vested in each human being from the moment of fertilization without regard to age, race, sex, health, function, or condition of dependency; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 1093. By Representatives Marin of the 96th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION urging local boards of education to apply for federal funding to retrofit school buses with pollution control devices; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

HB 644	HB 645
HB 646	HB 647
HB 648	HB 649
HB 650	HB 651
HB 652	HB 653
HB 654	HB 655
HB 656	HB 657
HB 664	HR 880
HR 881	HR 977
SB 268	

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 279. By Senators Brown of the 26th and Staton of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act," approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 4991), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), so as to provide for the appointment of certain members of the governing authority and their qualifications and period of service; to provide that the authority shall not exercise any development powers after a certain date; to provide for the payment of a franchise fee; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 1096. By Representative Ralston of the 7th

#### 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.

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

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

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Resolution was adopted.

Due to a mechanical malfunction, the vote of Representative Benfield of the 85th was not recorded on the preceding roll call. She wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 1097. By Representative Ralston of the 7th

### 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 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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 6:45 P.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 President of the Senate, 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 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.

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

Y Abdul-Salaam	Y Davis	Y Heckstall	Y McCall	Y Sheldon
Y Abrams	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hembree	Y McKillip	Y Sims, B
Y Allison	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Meadows	Y Sims, C
Y Amerson	Y Dickerson	Y Hill	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, E
Y Anderson	Y Dickey	Y Holcomb	Y Morgan	Y Smith, K
Y Ashe	Y Dickson	Y Holmes	Y Morris	Y Smith, L
Y Atwood	Y Dobbs	Y Holt	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Baker	Y Dollar	Y Horne	Y Murphy	Y Smith, T
Y Battles	Y Drenner	Y Houston	Y Neal, J	Y Smyre
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dudgeon	Y Howard	Y Neal, Y	Y Spencer
Y Bell	Y Dukes	Y Hudson	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, M
Y Benfield	Y Dunahoo	Y Hugley	Y Nix	Y Stephens, R

Y Benton	Y Dutton	Y Jackson	Y Oliver	E Stephenson
Y Beverly	Y Ehrhart	Jacobs	Y O'Neal	Y Talton
Y Black	Y England	Y James	Y Pak	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Parent	Y Taylor, D
Y Brockway	Y Epps, J	Y Jerguson	Y Parrish	Y Taylor, R
Y Brooks	Y Evans	E Johnson	Y Parsons	Y Taylor, T
Y Bruce	Y Floyd	Y Jones, J	Y Peake	Y Teasley
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Y Jones, S	Y Powell, A	Y Thomas
Y Buckner	Y Frazier	Y Jordan	Y Powell, J	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Fullerton	Y Kaiser	Pruett	VACANT
Y Byrd	Y Gardner	Y Kendrick	Y Purcell	VACANT
Y Carson	Y Geisinger	Kidd	Ramsey	Y Watson
Y Carter	Y Golick	Y Knight	Y Randall	Y Welch
Y Casas	Y Gordon	Y Lane	Y Reece	Y Weldon
Y Channell	Y Greene	Y Lindsey	Y Rice	Y Wilkerson
Y Cheokas	Y Hamilton	Y Long	Y Riley	Y Wilkinson
Y Clark, J	Y Hanner	Y Maddox, B	Y Roberts	Y Willard
Y Clark, V	Y Harbin	Y Maddox, G	Y Rogers, C	Y Williams, A
E Coleman	Y Harden, B	Y Manning	Y Rogers, T	Y Williams, C
Y Collins	Y Harden, M	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, E
Y Cooke	Y Harrell	Y Martin	Y Scott, M	Y Williams, R
Y Coomer	Y Hatchett	E Maxwell	Y Scott, S	Williamson
Y Cooper	Y Hatfield	Y Mayo	Setzler	Y Yates
E Crawford	Y Heard	Y McBrayer	Y Shaw	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Resolution was adopted.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 1098. By Representative Ralston of the 7th

#### 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, January 25, 2012, 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.

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

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

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Resolution was adopted.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 1099. 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, unless otherwise provided by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, the meeting dates and dates of adjournment for the 2012 regular session of the General Assembly for the period of Monday, January 9, 2012, through Thursday, January 26, 2012, shall be as follows:

Monday, January 9 .....	in session for legislative day 1
Tuesday, January 10 .....	in session for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 11 .....	in session for legislative day 3
Thursday, January 12 .....	in session for legislative day 4
Friday, January 13 .....	in session for legislative day 5
Saturday, January 14 through Sunday, January 22.....	in adjournment
Monday, January 23 .....	in session for legislative day 6
Tuesday, January 24 .....	in session for legislative day 7
Wednesday, January 25 .....	in session for legislative day 8
Thursday, January 26 .....	in session for legislative day 9

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that on and after January 26, 2012, the periods of adjournment of the 2012 session, if any, shall be as specified by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly; provided that unless otherwise specified by subsequent resolution the General Assembly shall be in adjournment on each Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

Y Abdul-Salaam	Y Davis	Y Heckstall	Y McCall	Y Sheldon
Y Abrams	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hembree	Y McKillip	Y Sims, B
Y Allison	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Meadows	Y Sims, C
Y Amerson	Y Dickerson	Y Hill	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, E
Y Anderson	Y Dickey	Y Holcomb	Y Morgan	Y Smith, K
Y Ashe	Y Dickson	Y Holmes	Y Morris	Y Smith, L
Y Atwood	Y Dobbs	Y Holt	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Baker	Y Dollar	Y Horne	Y Murphy	Y Smith, T
Y Battles	Y Drenner	Y Houston	Y Neal, J	Y Smyre
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dudgeon	Y Howard	Y Neal, Y	Y Spencer

Y Bell	Y Dukes	Y Hudson	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, M
Y Benfield	Y Dunahoo	Y Hugley	Y Nix	Y Stephens, R
Y Benton	Y Dutton	Y Jackson	Y Oliver	E Stephenson
Y Beverly	Ehrhart	Y Jacobs	Y O'Neal	Y Talton
Y Black	Y England	Y James	Y Pak	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Parent	Y Taylor, D
Y Brockway	Y Epps, J	Y Jerguson	Y Parrish	Y Taylor, R
Y Brooks	Y Evans	E Johnson	Y Parsons	Y Taylor, T
Y Bruce	Y Floyd	Y Jones, J	Y Peake	Y Teasley
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Y Jones, S	Y Powell, A	Y Thomas
Y Buckner	Y Frazier	Y Jordan	Y Powell, J	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Fullerton	Y Kaiser	Y Pruett	VACANT
Y Byrd	Y Gardner	Y Kendrick	Y Purcell	VACANT
Y Carson	Y Geisinger	Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Watson
Y Carter	Y Golick	Y Knight	Y Randall	Y Welch
Y Casas	Y Gordon	Y Lane	Y Reece	Y Weldon
Y Channell	Y Greene	Y Lindsey	Y Rice	Y Wilkerson
Y Cheokas	Y Hamilton	Y Long	Y Riley	Y Wilkinson
Y Clark, J	Y Hanner	Y Maddox, B	Y Roberts	Y Willard
Y Clark, V	Y Harbin	Y Maddox, G	Y Rogers, C	Y Williams, A
E Coleman	Y Harden, B	Y Manning	Y Rogers, T	Y Williams, C
Y Collins	Y Harden, M	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, E
Y Cooke	Y Harrell	Y Martin	Y Scott, M	Y Williams, R
Y Coomer	Y Hatchett	E Maxwell	Y Scott, S	Y Williamson
Y Cooper	Y Hatfield	Y Mayo	Setzler	Y Yates
E Crawford	Y Heard	Y McBrayer	Y Shaw	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Lane of the 167th, Hatfield of the 177th, Spencer of the 180th, Neal of the 1st, Williams of the 4th, Sims of the 169th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1100. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 24th, Riley of the 50th, Geisinger of the 48th, Taylor of the 79th, Benton of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing student leaders at Georgia Tech and welcoming them for Georgia Tech Student Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1101. By Representatives Holt of the 112th, Welch of the 110th, Dickerson of the 95th and Davis of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Covington Fire Chief Don Floyd on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1102. By Representative Lindsey of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending University of Georgia's Amazing Student Adria Thorington; and for other purposes.

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 642. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and Chance of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification the following Senators: Miller of the 49th, Chance of the 16th, Jackson of the 24th, Crane of the 28th, Paris of the 26th, Wilkinson of the 50th, and Hooks of the 14th.

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

SR 643. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and Balfour of the 9th:

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 1097. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

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.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Miller of the 49th, Chance of the 16th, Jackson of the 24th, Stoner of the 6th, Hamrick of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd, and Unterman of the 45th.

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 1096. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

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

HR 1098. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

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.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 38. By Senators Rogers of the 21st and Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for authority for the State School Superintendent to employ and dismiss employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 1099. By Representative O'Neal of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 184. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to termination, suspension, nonrenewal, demotion, or reprimand of teachers and other school personnel, so as to provide requirements for reduction in force policies; to provide for sanctions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following changes were made to House Committees.

Appropriations

Doug Collins – Remove as Secretary...remains member  
Matt Ramsey – Secretary  
Randy Nix – New member (Higher Ed subcommittee)

Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development

Penny Houston – Vice Chairman  
Carl Rogers – Remove  
Allen Peake – New member

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Margaret Kaiser – Secretary  
Jay Neal – Remove  
Ed Lindsey – New member

Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

Allen Peake – Remove

Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources

Katie Dempsey – Vice Chairman

Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education

Randy Nix – New member

Carl Rogers – New member

Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee

Ann Purcell – New member

Jay Neal – New member

Doug Collins – New member

Banks and Banking Committee

Emory Dunahoo – New member

Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee

Terry Rogers – New member

Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Terry Rogers – New member

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee

John Carson – New member

Game, Fish and Parks Committee

Stephen Allison – Vice Chair

Jimmy Pruett – Secretary

Emory Dunahoo – New member

Higher Education Committee

Carl Rogers – Chairman

Human Relations and Aging Committee

Tommy Benton – Chairman

Tom Dickson – Secretary

Terry Rogers – New member

Ann Purcell – (still a member)

Information and Audits Committee

Emory Dunahoo – New member

Insurance Committee

John Carson – New member

Intragovernmental Coordination Committee

John Carson – New member

Public Safety Committee

Ann Purcell – Chairman

Rules Committee

Richard Smith – Secretary

Barbara Sims – New member

Allen Peake – New member

Science & Technology Committee

Barbara Sims – New member

Small Business Development and Job Creation

Billy Horne – Vice chairman

Alan Powell – Co-Secretary

Barbara Sims – Remove

Transportation Committee

Carl Rogers – Remove

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Ralston

David Ralston, Speaker

Georgia House of Representatives

DR/dh

House of Representatives

332 State Capitol

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected James Beverly.

Health and Human Services  
Special Committee on Small Business Development  
Information and Audits  
Children and Youth

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

cc: Clerk's Office  
Representative  
Committee Office

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected John Carson.

Insurance  
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications  
Intragovernmental Coordination

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected Emory Dunahoo.

Banks and Banking  
Game, Fish and Parks  
Information and Audits

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected Dusty Hightower.

Judiciary (NC)  
Governmental Affairs  
Intragovernmental Coordination

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

cc: Clerk's Office  
Representative  
Committee Office

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected Terry Rogers.

Economic Development  
Defense and Veterans Affairs  
Human Relations and Aging

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

cc: Clerk's Office  
Representative  
Committee Office

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 6, 2012

Ms. Robyn Underwood  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Robyn:

The following committees were assigned to newly elected Chuck Williams.

Higher Education  
Natural Resources and Environment  
Children and Youth  
Information and Audits

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

DR/dh

cc: Clerk's Office  
Representative  
Committee Office

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 Runoff held on the 3rd day of January 2012, in District 68 for State Representative in Carroll and Douglas Counties to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Tim Bearden.

Having received a majority of votes cast, Dustin Wayne Hightower 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 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

(SEAL)

/s/ Brian P. Kemp  
Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State

**Official Election Results  
January 3, 2012 Special Election**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 68**

	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
<b>CARROLL</b>		
Dustin "Dusty" Hightower	1,210	55.63
Alan Martinez	965	44.37
<b>Votes For Seat In County:</b>	<b>2,175</b>	
 <b>DOUGLAS</b>		
Dustin "Dusty" Hightower	50	51.02
Alan Martinez	48	48.98
<b>Votes For Seat In County:</b>	<b>98</b>	
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>2,273</b>	
	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% Votes</u>
Dustin "Dusty" Hightower	1,260	55.43
Alan Martinez	1,013	44.57
<b>Total Votes For Seat:</b>	<b>2,273</b>	
	<b>2,273</b>	

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel  
316 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 9, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FROM THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

RE: CAUCUS TO ELECT 3RD 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 3rd Congressional District. Such caucus will be held in the Senate Chamber, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 25, 2012, at 2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate from those senatorial districts embraced or partly embraced within the 3rd 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 3rd Congressional District are eligible to participate in said caucus.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne R. Allen  
Legislative Counsel

WRA:dd

Legislative Services Committee

Office of Legislative Counsel  
316 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 9, 2012

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 in the Senate Chamber, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 25, 2012, at 3:00 P.M.

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.

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

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