

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Thursday, January 12, 2012****Fourth Legislative Day**

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

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

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

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

Representatives Abrams of the 84th, Benfield of the 85th, Black of the 174th, Brockway of the 101st, Bruce of the 64th, Buckner of the 130th, Casas of the 103rd, Davis of the 109th, Dobbs of the 53rd, Fludd of the 66th, Frazier of the 123rd, Gardner of the 57th, Geisinger of the 48th, Howard of the 121st, Hugley of the 133rd, Jacobs of the 80th, Jones of the 44th, Jordan of the 77th, Long of the 61st, Mayo of the 91st, Morris of the 155th, Mosby of the 90th, Murphy of the 120th, Neal of the 75th, Randall of the 138th, Shaw of the 176th, and Willard of the 49th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Crawford Loritts, Senior Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Roswell, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 134th, Vice-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.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

HB 670. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Cooke of the 18th, Allison of the 8th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Collins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to create the Constitutional Guardian Advisory Council; to provide legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for composition, officers, and meetings of the council; to provide for duties and powers; to provide for criteria for evaluation of a federal law; to provide for coordination with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 672. By Representatives Oliver of the 83rd, Parent of the 81st, Ashe of the 56th, Jacobs of the 80th and Taylor of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide that bills to incorporate new municipal corporations may be introduced only during the regular session which is held during the first year of the term of office of members of the General Assembly and may be enacted only during the regular session which is held during the second year of the term of office of members of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 723. By Representatives Channell of the 116th and Kidd of the 141st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to change the method of electing members for the Board of Education of Putnam County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 2678), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3645), so as to change manner of election of members of the board of education; to provide for vacancies; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 724. By Representatives Allison of the 8th, Harden of the 28th, Jasperse of the 12th, Dutton of the 166th, Cooke of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide that persons issued special license plates as certified firefighters shall be exempt from paying an annual special license plate renewal fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 725. By Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Powell of the 171st, Sheldon of the 105th, Powell of the 29th, Oliver of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to selection and qualification of candidates and presidential electors, so as to provide for reopening of qualifying periods under certain circumstances; to change certain provisions relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit, payment of qualifying fee, pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee, and military service; to change certain provisions relating to qualification of candidates for party nomination in a state or county primary, posting of list of all qualified candidates, filing of affidavit with political party by each qualifying candidate, and performance of military service does not create vacancy; to change certain provisions relating to reopening of qualification for office in the event of a candidate's death prior to a political party primary; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 726. By Representatives James of the 135th and Dickey of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for Peach County," approved March 10, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2627), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4042), so as to change the description of the districts from which members of such board are elected; to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 727. By Representatives James of the 135th and Dickey of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the Board of Education of Peach County," approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4155), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4049), so as to change the description of the districts from which members of such board are elected; to define certain terms and to

provide for certain inclusions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide effective dates and for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 728. By Representative Jasperse of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for legislative findings; to amend Code Section 44-5-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to covenants running with the land, the effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements for use of the public, and the renewal of certain covenants, so as to clarify provisions relating to covenants; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for covenants adopted prior to the adoption of zoning laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1119. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Dickerson of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to pass legislation that will create a uniform national framework on digital commerce to protect consumers from multiple and discriminatory taxes and provide certainty and uniformity for state and local governments; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 1120. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Dickerson of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to enact a uniform Internet privacy law; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB 671	HB 703
HB 704	HB 705
HB 706	HB 707
HB 708	HB 709
HB 710	HB 711
HB 712	HB 713
HB 714	HB 715
HB 716	HB 717
HB 718	HB 719
HB 720	HB 721
HB 722	

Representative Cooper of the 41st District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 675 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 41st
Chairman

Representative Maxwell of the 17th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 295	Do Pass	HB 337	Do Pass
HB 351	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 424	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Maxwell of the 17th
Chairman

The following Resolution of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, was reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendation:

HR 1105 Do Pass

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

Representatives Carter of the 175th, Maxwell of the 17th, and Hatfield of the 177th.

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

HR 1105. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION commending Matthew Sellers of Perry and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1121. By Representative Dollar of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joseph Thrash; and for other purposes.

HR 1122. By Representative Dollar of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Matt Shehan; and for other purposes.

HR 1123. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Dickerson of the 95th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of women's heart health and the promotion of programs that aid in early detection and prevention of heart disease in women; and for other purposes.

HR 1124. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, Dickerson of the 95th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of proper infant nutrition and acknowledging of breast feeding for both infants and mothers; and for other purposes.

HR 1125. By Representatives Benton of the 31st and Harden of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring William "Howard" Brown on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 1126. By Representative Brooks of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sister Hervie Ellzey Kaigler; and for other purposes.

HR 1127. By Representative Brooks of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Leroy Sherman Wiley; and for other purposes.

HR 1128. By Representative Brooks of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Sabra Rogers Rice; and for other purposes.

HR 1129. By Representative Brooks of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deacon Felton Leon Hudson; and for other purposes.

Representative Coleman of the 97th District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 705	Do Pass
HB 706	Do Pass
HB 713	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Coleman of the 97th
Chairman

Representative Willard of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 683 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willard of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Channell of the 116th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 319 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Channell of the 116th
Chairman

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.