

HOUSE JOURNAL

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, January 14, 2013

First Legislative Day

The Representatives-elect of the General Assembly of Georgia for the years 2013-2014 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 Reverend Carl D. Johnson, President, Not I But Christ Ministries, Tucker, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives
402 Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 25, 2012

The Honorable Nathan Deal
The Office of the Governor
State of Georgia
206 Washington Street, Suite 203
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Georgia House District 167

Dear Governor Deal:

Please accept this as my resignation as State Representative for House District 167 effective May 10th, 2012. It has been an honor for me to represent House District 167 in the General Assembly and I look forward to serving the citizens in the Brunswick Judicial Circuit as their new Superior Court Judge.

I look forward to seeing you on May 10th and to assuming my duties as a Superior Court Judge.

With best regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Roger B. Lane

RBL/jj

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

April 30, 2012

The Honorable Roger Lane
Representative, District 167
Georgia House of Representatives
P.O. Box 899-D
Darien, Georgia 31305

Dear Representative Lane:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 167 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective May 10, 2012.

Your resignation is hereby accepted. I look forward to your service as Superior Court Judge of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, and I wish you the best for all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

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

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

May 3, 2012

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 38 and 470 which passed the General Assembly during the 2012 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/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

Attachment

cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Sam Olens, Attorney General
Mr. Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Robert F. Ewing, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Wayne R. Allen, Legislative Counsel

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

May 7, 2012

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 181, 456, 911, 975, 1051 and 1117 which passed the General Assembly during the 2012 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/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Sam Olens, Attorney General
Mr. Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Robert F. Ewing, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Wayne R. Allen, Legislative Counsel

Veto Number 1

SB 38 - Authority of the State School Superintendent

Georgia's K-12 education system has a unique governing structure with a statewide-elected state school superintendent and a governor-appointed state Board of Education composed of representatives from each congressional district. Current law provides a number of checks and balances between the superintendent and the board. Those checks and balances were put in place during a time in our state history when the superintendent was making detrimental decisions for students. Prior to these changes, the state board was powerless to intervene. While HB 706, which also passed this session, restores many of these powers to the state school superintendent, to this day, unlike a typical CEO and board relationship, the state Board of Education does not have the power to remove the superintendent in the event of malfeasance or mismanagement. In light of this, I believe it is important to keep some of the current checks and balances. **Therefore, I VETO SB 38.**

Veto Number 2

SB 470 - Georgia Patient Self Referral

Senate Bill 470 attempts to address concerns around Georgia's Patient Self-Referral law, which prohibits health care providers from referring patients for the provision of designated health services to an entity in which the health care provider has an investment interest. The Georgia Patient Self Referral Act of 1993, as well as the Stark Law on the federal level, provides exemptions for rural areas because of the lack of access to adequate healthcare. On close review, this legislation would expand the definition of "rural area" to include "a county in which a military junior college is located, and area which is not an urban area." This expansion would only apply to one county, Baldwin. The Georgia Patient Self Referral Act of 1993 was passed in response to the potential for abuse that is present when physicians are able to self-refer patients. I am vetoing this legislation because I believe SB 470 provides an unfair advantage to one county over other similarly populated counties around the state. I also find that this legislation would open the door for more counties to seek out the "rural" exemption in years to come. Accordingly, **I VETO SB 470.**

Veto Number 3

HB 181 - Changes to the Special Needs Scholarship

Georgia's existing Special Needs Scholarship helps all students, regardless of their physical or mental circumstances, achieve academic success. I support the main effort of this bill, which sought to better inform parents and codify the enrollment and payment dates for the scholarship, and much of this may still be accomplished via a state Board of Education rule change. However, an amendment that was added to HB 181 would have significantly reduced the scholarship award special needs students receive. This drastic cut would likely reduce the number of students who would be able to take advantage of this scholarship, as the award amount would no longer offset the cost of tuition at a school that would better serve these students' needs. **Therefore, I VETO HB 181.**

Veto Number 4

HB 456 – Legislative Sunset Review Committee

This bill establishes a new Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee of 14 members that is authorized to review and evaluate every state entity of the executive branch with the purpose of determining which state agencies and entities should be abolished. Implementing HB 456 is estimated to cost between \$3 and \$7 million. Growing state government with a new committee and statutory authority to review state agencies and

the related expenses is not an effective use of state resources. Currently, the General Assembly reviews and evaluates state agencies using the staff in Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate and House Appropriations committees. Additionally the Department of Audits Performance Audits Division conducts evaluations of state-funded programs and activities to improve state operations. The programs and agencies investigated by the Performance Audit Division are based on the recommendations of legislators and legislative committees. Final performance audits reports and special examinations are published on the Department of Audits website. I have signed SB 33, a bill requiring that all state programs and agencies be reviewed over the next eight to 10 years using Zero Based Budgeting. The ZBB review process is the most cost-effective and efficient way to accomplish the goal of reviewing agency expenditures, evaluating performance and ensuring that we are focused on delivering essential services. Through the budget and legislative process this session alone we have eliminated councils, committees (SB 407) and one state agency (HB 642). The first year of ZBB reviews resulted in elimination of the State Personnel Administration, agency consolidations and realignments, over \$9 million in savings, required no additional staff, was a collaborative process with agencies and the House and Senate budget offices and utilized the existing legislative process and House and Senate Appropriations Committees to make the final determinations on the ZBB recommendations. The FY 2013 ZBB Report is available at www.opb.georgia.gov. The intent and desired outcomes of HB 456 are and will be achieved through SB 33 and ZBB review. No additional overhead is needed because legislative authority, committees, and staff to review state agencies and operations are already established in law and the General Assembly did not include funding to implement this legislation, **therefore I VETO HB 456.**

Veto Number 5

HB 911 – Putnam County; change compensation for certain officials

House Bill 911 contains specific language providing additional compensation for the sheriff of Putnam County and various officials of the Putnam County State Court. I am vetoing this legislation because of the lack of justification provided for such increases in compensation for these officials. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 911.**

Veto Number 6

HB 1051 - Public transit authorities

House Bill 1051 was the companion to House Bill 1052, which failed to pass. HB 1051 would have become effective only if HB 1052 were enacted. Since the mechanism to make HB 1051 effective does not exist, and at the request of the author, **I VETO HB 1051.**

Veto Number 7**HB 1117 – Bond Debt Elections and Hospital Authority Deposits**

The original language of HB 1117 would maintain Fulton County as the only county in the state that is required to hold bond debt elections only on the date of the November general election. An amendment was added to HB 1117 that included an exemption of hospital authorities from OCGA 45-8-12 that requires that any bank or depository holding public funds guarantee the funds with a surety bond, FDIC insurance, or some other form of guarantee or collateral. This exemption would expose public funds to additional investment risk. Hospital Authorities are allowed to participate in the state investment pools which provide the possibility for a higher return on investment but maintain appropriate safeguards against losses. I recommend the author bring back the original legislation for consideration during the next session. This bill puts public funds at additional financial risk, therefore, **I VETO HB 1117.**

Veto Number 8**HB 975 – Habersham County; relating to homestead exemption for school district ad valorem taxes**

Both the sponsor of this legislation and the Habersham County Commission requested that I veto this legislation. Accordingly, **I VETO HB 975.**

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

May 7, 2012

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 742:

Veto:

Section 51, pertaining to the State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 167, line 5169; and

Section 51, pertaining to the State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 173, line 5225

Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1175;

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 39, line 1219;

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1276;

Section 27, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 84, line 2627;

Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 104, line 3262;

Section 40, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 126, line 3969;

Section 40, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 130, line 4075; and

Section 48, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 154, line 4856

The veto messages are attached for each item referenced above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
The Honorable Sam Olens, Attorney General
The Honorable Jack Hill, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Terry England, 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. Wayne R. Alan, Legislative Counsel

HB 742–FY 2013 Appropriations BillIntent Language Considered Non-Binding**Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, Line 1175:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$50,000 for the Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation, Inc. in the Health Care Access and Improvement program. The purpose of the Health Care Access and Improvement program is to improve health care access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia. Some aspects of this initiative are outside the scope of the purpose of the Health Care Access and Improvement program. Therefore, 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 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 39, line 1219:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department to implement a wastage policy to reimburse for cancer treatment single-dose vials administered in a physician's office. The funds provided are insufficient to implement this policy as of the effective date stated. Additionally, limiting the application of the reimbursement policy to cancer drugs may not be operationally feasible. Therefore, the Department is authorized to utilize the funds in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 41, line 1276:

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department to restore the bariatric surgery benefit in the State Health Benefit Plan, effective January 1, 2013. This language limits the Department's ability to effectively manage the State Health Benefit Plan and control expenses. Therefore, the Department is authorized to determine benefits covered under the State Health Benefit Plan pursuant to the direction of the Board of Community Health and 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 2627:

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$50,000 for KidsPeace in the Out-of-Home Care program. This appropriation circumvents the Department's process for reimbursing vendors and creates a variance between vendors providing similar services. Therefore, the Department is authorized to utilize the funds in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 104, line 3262:

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$150,000 for the Georgia Water Policy Center in southwest Georgia in the Environmental Protection program. Funding for water initiatives should be prioritized in consideration of statewide water needs rather than regionally focused. Therefore, the Department is authorized to utilize these funds for its highest priority needs and in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Section 40, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents page 126, line 3969:

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$50,000 for industrial storm water solutions for Georgia's poultry industry in the Georgia Tech Research Institute program. The Georgia Tech Research Institute has sufficient funding to undertake this research without an additional appropriation. Therefore, the Department is authorized to undertake this research using agency generated funding in lieu of state appropriations.

Section 40, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents page 130, line 4075:

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$25,000 for the Southern Legislative Conference's (SLC) Center for Advancement of Leadership Skills (CALs) program at Georgia State University in the Teaching program. The purpose of the Teaching program is to provide for direct student instruction or other initiatives supporting student learning. This initiative is outside the scope of the purpose of the Teaching program. Therefore, the Department is authorized to participate in the Southern Legislative Conference's Center for Advancement of Leadership Skills program using agency generated funding in lieu of state appropriations.

Section 48, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 154, line 4856:

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$500,000 for airport aid grant funds for Airport Aid projects including Blairsville, Hampton, North Georgia Regional Airports, Americus, Bainbridge, Griffin, Rome, and Valdosta. Grant funding for airport projects should be awarded on a competitive basis that maximizes all available funds and is in accordance with statewide priorities for air transportation. Therefore, the Department is authorized to utilize the funds in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

Line-Item Vetoes by the Governor**Section 51, pertaining to the State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 167, line 5169:**

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$256,800 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically for the renovation of the Rural Development Center at the University of Georgia Tifton campus, through the issuance of \$3,000,000 in 20-year bonds. This project was not requested by the Board of Regents and was not identified as a priority in the Board of Regents capital plan. This project would create additional space in order to expand programming and enrollment at the Tifton campus. Projects impacting future enrollment in the University System should be vetted by the Board of Regents to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, I veto this language (page 167, line 5169) in the provisions relative to Section 51 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$256,800.

Section 51, pertaining to the State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 173, line 5225:

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$133,476 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation, specifically for upgrades and maintenance at the Riceboro Southern Railway bridges and railroad grade crossing signal crossbucks on the Georgia Southwestern Railroad and Chattooga and Chickamauga Railway, through the issuance of \$1,470,000 in 20-year bonds. The Department has sufficient funding within existing authorized general obligation debt to provide for additional rail improvement projects. Funding for these rail projects should be considered in conjunction with other state rail needs, and projects should be selected by the Department based on the state's highest priority needs. Therefore, I veto this language (page 173, line 5225) in the provisions relative to Section 51 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$133,476.

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

May 15, 2012

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

Dear Governor Deal:

I herewith submit my resignation, effective today from my position as the State Representative from House District 28. It has been a distinct honor to have been elected to this position by the citizens of the 28th House District and to have served them and the citizens of Georgia over the last four years.

Respectfully

/s/ Michael Harden
State Representative
House District 28

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

May 16, 2012

The Honorable Michael Harden
Representative, District 28
Georgia House of Representatives
P.O. Box 1189
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

Dear Representative Harden:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the Representative of District 28 in the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective May 15, 2012.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

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

Bill Hembree
State Representative
District 67
4159 Pool Road
Winston, Georgia 30187

September 4, 2012
1:00 p.m.

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

Dear Governor Deal,

It is with heavy heart that I submit to you my resignation from The Georgia House of Representatives. I have been honored to serve the people of my district and the State of Georgia for 18 years. My time in the legislature has been one of the most rewarding events of my life. My goal was always to serve the people to the best of my ability and to make our community and state a better place.

Today I am moving forward to embark on a new challenge and I know my past experience as a State Representative will be extremely valuable in my endeavor.

I do hereby resign effective today, Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bill Hembree
State Representative
District 67

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

September 4, 2012

The Honorable Bill Hembree
Representative, District 67
4159 Pool Road
Winston, Georgia 30187

Dear Representative Hembree:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as the District 67 Representative in Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective September 4, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your dedicated service to the citizens of District 67 and the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. Robbie Rivers, Clerk, Georgia House of Representatives

The General Assembly
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 5, 2012

Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
201 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Governor Deal,

It has been an incredible opportunity to serve the State we love. However, life has its seasons and now is the time for me to move to a new challenge.

Effective today I resign my seat in the State House.

I want to thank the voters of the 21st House District for allowing me to represent them at the State Capitol. I also want to personally thank you for the times we have spent together and your dedication to Georgia.

Please know I remain committed to our state and willing to serve our joint interests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Jerguson

CC: David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Robert Rivers, Clerk of the House
Brian Kemp, Secretary of State

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

December 5, 2012

The Honorable Sean Jerguson
Representative, District 21
Georgia House of Representatives
502 Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Representative Jerguson:

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

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rg

cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Mr. Robert Rivers, Clerk, Georgia House of Representatives

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

Honorable Brian Kemp
Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
Atlanta GA 30334

Honorable David Ralston
Speaker of the Georgia House
332 State Capitol
Atlanta GA 30334

December 14, 2012

Effective this date, acknowledging O.C.G.A. 21-2-544(4) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-504(a), I am withdrawing from the seat as District 71 Elect State House Representative. This decision is made after careful thought and prayer. Recently, Coweta County Magistrate Court Judge Joseph Wyant was appointed to serve as Juvenile Court Judge for Coweta County and that opened an opportunity for me to be appointed to a four year term full-time to replace him. Today I received confirmation by filed Order of Chief Magistrate James C. Stripling and the six sitting Superior Court Judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit appointing me to a term beginning January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016. This opportunity is in the best interest of my family and I hope each of you and the citizens can understand that I need to do what is best for my family in taking this opportunity.

I have had enough of a glimpse of being a House member to know that I will miss out on a great opportunity to serve with many dedicated public servants in such an esteemed setting as the State Capitol. I am honored to have had the opportunity to cast votes on the House floor at our recent caucus to elect Speaker Ralston, Speaker Pro Tem Jones and other leaders in the majority caucus. While I give up the opportunity to make new friends and serve with such a distinguished group, I get the opportunity to work with Chief Magistrate Court Judge James C. Stripling and his dedicated staff as they (and I) will serve the citizens of Coweta County in a court that is as close to the everyday citizen as it gets.

I am most appreciative of the support and votes given me during my campaign. A candidate starts out with one vote and when they win, they do so because of the support of others. In my case, the Friends of Robert Stokely came out and won the race for me. I shall never forget the Honor and Privilege that came with such support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert Stokely

100 Fountainhead Way
Sharpsburg GA 30277

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 14th day of
December, 2012.

/s/ Beth Robertson
Notary Public

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0900

December 18, 2012

The Honorable Robert Stokely
Representative-elect, District 71
100 Fountainhead Way
Sharpsburg, Georgia 30277

Dear Representative-elect Stokely:

Thank you for your letter dated December 14, 2012, in which you announced your withdrawal as Representative-elect of District 71 of the Georgia House of Representatives. I appreciate you apprising me of your resignation, effective immediately.

Your resignation is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

ND:rb

cc: The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Mr. Robert Rivers, Clerk, Georgia House of Representatives

The following communication from the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State, certifying the Representatives-elect for the years 2013-2014, was received and read:

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 six (6) pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct list of State Representatives in the General Assembly of Georgia elected at the 2012 General Election held on November 6, 2012; 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 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

(SEAL)

Seat	Elected Official
District 1	John Deffenbaugh
District 2	Jay Neal
District 3	Tom Weldon
District 4	Bruce Broadrick
District 5	John Meadows
District 6	Tom Dickson
District 7	David Ralston
District 8	Stephen Allison
District 9	Kevin K. Tanner
District 10	Terry Rogers
District 11	Rick Jasperse
District 12	Eddie Lumsden
District 13	Katie M. Dempsey
District 14	C. Coomer
District 15	Paul R. Battles
District 16	Trey Kelley
District 17	Howard Maxwell
District 18	Kevin Cooke
District 19	P. Braddock
District 20	Michael Caldwell
District 21	Sean Jerguson
District 22	Calvin Hill
District 23	Mandi Ballinger
District 24	Mark Hamilton
District 25	Mike Dudgeon
District 26	Geoff L. Duncan
District 27	Lee Hawkins
District 28	Dan Gasaway
District 29	Carl Rogers
District 30	Emory Dunahoo

District 31	Tommy Benton
District 32	Alan Powell
District 33	Tom McCall
District 34	Charles Gregory
District 35	Ed Setzler
District 36	Earl Ehrhart
District 37	Sam Teasley
District 38	David Wilkerson
District 39	Alisha T. Morgan
District 40	Rich Golick
District 41	Michael Smith
District 42	Stacey Evans
District 43	Sharon Cooper
District 44	Don L. Parsons
District 45	Matt Dollar
District 46	John Carson
District 47	Jan Jones
District 48	Harry Geisinger
District 49	C. Martin Jr.
District 50	Lynne Riley
District 51	Wendell Willard
District 52	Joe Wilkinson
District 53	Sheila Jones
District 54	Edward Lindsey
District 55	Tyrone Brooks
District 56	"Able" M. Thomas
District 57	Pat Gardner
District 58	Simone Bell
District 59	Margaret Kaiser
District 60	Keisha Waites
District 61	Roger Bruce
District 62	LaDawn Jones
District 63	Ronnie Mabra
District 64	Virgil Fludd
District 65	S. Beasley-Teague
District 66	K. Alexander
District 67	Micah Gravley
District 68	D. Hightower
District 69	Randy Nix
District 70	Lynn R. Smith
District 71	Robert Stokely
District 72	Matt Ramsey
District 73	John Yates

District 74	Valencia Stovall
District 75	Mike Glanton
District 76	Sandra Scott
District 77	Darryl Jordan
District 78	Demetrius Douglas
District 79	Tom Taylor
District 80	Mike Jacobs
District 81	Scott Holcomb
District 82	Mary M. Oliver
District 83	Howard Mosby
District 84	Rahn Mayo
District 85	Karla Drenner
District 86	Michele Henson
District 87	Earnest Williams
District 88	Billy Mitchell
District 89	Stacey Abrams
District 90	Pam Stephenson
District 91	D. Daw-Haigler
District 92	Tonya Anderson
District 93	Dar'Kendrick
District 94	Karen Bennett
District 95	Tom Rice
District 96	Pedro Marin
District 97	Brooks Coleman
District 98	Josh Clark
District 99	Hugh Floyd
District 100	Brian Thomas
District 101	Valerie Clark
District 102	Buzz Brockway
District 103	Timothy Barr
District 104	Donna Sheldon
District 105	Joyce Chandler
District 106	Brett Harrell
District 107	David Casas
District 108	B.J. Pak
District 109	Dale Rutledge
District 110	Andy Welch
District 111	Brian Strickland
District 112	Doug Holt
District 113	Pam Dickerson
District 114	Tom Kirby
District 115	Bruce Williamson
District 116	Terry England

District 117	Regina Quick
District 118	S. Frye
District 119	Chuck Williams
District 120	Mickey Channell
District 121	Barry Fleming
District 122	Ben Harbin
District 123	Barbara Sims
District 124	Henry "Wayne" Howard
District 125	Earnest Smith
District 126	Gloria Frazier
District 127	Quincy Murphy
District 128	Mack Jackson
District 129	Susan Holmes
District 130	David Knight
District 131	J. Caldwell Jr.
District 132	Carl Von Epps
District 133	John Pezold
District 134	Richard H. Smith
District 135	Calvin Smyre
District 136	Carolyn Hugley
District 137	Debbie Buckner
District 138	Mike Cheokas
District 139	Patty Bentley
District 140	Robert Dickey
District 141	Allen Peake
District 142	Nikki Randall
District 143	James Beverly
District 144	James Epps
District 145	E. Culver Kidd
District 146	Larry O'Neal
District 147	Willie Talton
District 148	Buddy Harden
District 149	Jimmy Pruett
District 150	Matt Hatchett
District 151	Gerald E. Greene
District 152	Ed Rynders
District 153	Carol Fullerton
District 154	Winfred Dukes
District 155	Jay Roberts
District 156	Greg Morris
District 157	Delvis Dutton
District 158	Butch Parrish
District 159	Jon G. Burns

District 160	Jan Tankersley
District 161	Bill Hitchens
District 162	Bob Bryant
District 163	J. Craig Gordon
District 164	Ron Stephens
District 165	Mickey Stephens
District 166	Ben Watson
District 167	Jeff Chapman
District 168	Al Williams
District 169	Chuck Sims
District 170	Penny Houston
District 171	Jay Powell
District 172	Sam Watson
District 173	Darlene K. Taylor
District 174	Ellis Black
District 175	Amy Carter
District 176	Jason Shaw
District 177	Dexter Sharper
District 178	Chad Nimmer
District 179	Alex Atwood
District 180	Jason Spencer

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

Abrams	Coomer	Hamilton	McCall	Sims, B
Alexander	Cooper	Harbin	Meadows	Sims, C
Allison	Dawkins-Haigler	Harden	Mitchell	Smith, E
Anderson	Deffenbaugh	Harrell	Morgan	Smith, L
Atwood	Dempsey	Hatchett	Morris	Smith, M
Ballinger	Dickerson	Hawkins	Mosby	Smith, R
Barr	Dickey	Henson	Murphy	Smyre
Battles	Dickson	Hightower	Neal	Spencer
Beasley-Teague	Dollar	Hill	Nimmer	Stephens, M
Bell	Douglas	Hitchens	Nix	Stephens, R
Bennett	Drenner	Holcomb	Oliver	Stephenson
Bentley	Dudgeon	Holmes	O'Neal	Stovall
Benton	Dukes	Holt	Pak	Strickland
Beverly	Dunahoo	Houston	Parrish	Talton
Black	Duncan	Howard	Parsons	Tankersley
Braddock	Dutton	Hugley	Peake	Tanner
Broadrick	Ehrhart	Jackson	Pezold	Taylor, D
Brockway	England	Jacobs	Powell, A	Taylor, T
Brooks	Epps, C	Jasperse	Powell, J	Teasley
Bruce	Epps, J	Jones, J	Pruett	Thomas, A.M.
Bryant	Evans	Jones, L	Quick	Thomas, B
Buckner	Fleming	Jones, S	Ramsey	Waites
Burns	Floyd	Jordan	Randall	Watson, B
Caldwell, J	Fludd	Kaiser	Rice	Watson, S
Caldwell, M	Frazier	Kelley	Riley	Welch

Carson	Frye	Kendrick	Roberts	Weldon
Carter	Fullerton	Kidd	Rogers, C	Wilkerson
Casas	Gardner	Kirby	Rogers, T	Wilkinson
Chandler	Gasaway	Knight	Rutledge	Willard
Channell	Geisinger	Lindsey	Rynders	Williams, A
Chapman	Glanton	Lumsden	Scott	Williams, C
Cheokas	Golick	Mabra	Setzler	Williams, E
Clark, J	Gordon	Marin	Sharper	Williamson
Clark, V	Gravley	Martin	Shaw	Yates
Coleman	Greene	Maxwell	Sheldon	Ralston, Speaker
Cooke	Gregory	Mayo		

The following oath of office was administered to the Representatives-elect by Roger B. Lane, Judge, Superior Court, Brunswick 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 2013-2014 term, Representative Jones of the 47th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable David Ralston of the 7th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Ehrhart of the 36th.

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

The motion prevailed.

The election of the Speaker was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for the Honorable David Ralston of the 7th voted "aye," those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	Y Neal	Y Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	N Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Talton
Y Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Tankersley
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tanner
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	N Hugley	Y Peake	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	N Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	VACANT
N Buckner	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	N Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	N Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
Y Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gasaway	Y Knight	Y Rutledge	Y Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Geisinger	Y Lindsey	Y Rynders	Y Willard
Y Chapman	Y Glanton	Y Lumsden	N Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	N Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Y Ralston, Speaker

On the election of the Speaker, the Honorable David Ralston of the 7th received 160 votes.

The Honorable David Ralston of the 7th, having received the majority of the votes cast, was thereby 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 Meadows of the 5th, England of the 116th, Powell of the 171st, Talton of the 147th, Jasperse of the 11th, Houston of the 170th, Burns of the 159th, Dickson of the 6th, Sims of the 123rd, Smith of the 134th, and Cheokas of the 138th.

The Honorable David Ralston of the 7th 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 the Speaker Pro Tem for the House for the 2013-2014 term, Representative Smith of the 134th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Houston of the 170th.

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

The motion prevailed.

The election of the Speaker Pro Tem was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for The Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th voted "aye," those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	Y Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	N Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Talton
Y Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Tankersley
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tanner
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	N Hugley	Y Peake	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	N Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	VACANT
N Buckner	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites

Y Caldwell, J	N Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	N Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	N Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
Y Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gasaway	Y Knight	Y Rutledge	Y Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Geisinger	Y Lindsey	Y Rynders	Y Willard
Y Chapman	Y Glanton	Y Lumsden	N Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	N Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Y Ralston, Speaker

On the election of the Speaker Pro Tem, the Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th received 162 votes.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th, having received the majority of the votes cast, was 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 Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 33rd, Knight of the 130th, Tankersley of the 160th, Harden of the 148th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Hamilton of the 24th, and Epps of the 144th.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th 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 the Clerk of the House for the 2013-2014 term, Representative Cooper of the 43rd placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. of Haralson County, which nomination was seconded by Representative Smyre of the 135th.

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.

On the election of the Clerk of the House, the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. 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 Speaker appointed as a Committee to escort the Clerk to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Yates of the 73rd, Geisinger of the 48th, Oliver of the 82nd, Parsons of the 44th, Channell of the 120th, Rogers of the 29th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th.

The following oath of office was administered to the Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House, by Representative David Ralston of the 7th, 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; and that I am not a member of the communist party.

So help me God.

The Honorable Robert E. Rivers, Jr. 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 the Doorkeeper of the House for the 2013-2014 term, Representative Epps of the 144th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Phil Tucker of Douglas County, which nomination was seconded by Representative Kaiser of the 59th.

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.

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 the Messenger of the House for the 2013-2014 term, Representative Carter of the 175th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Kristy Lindstrom of Fannin County, which nomination was seconded by Representative Abrams of the 89th.

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.

On the election of the Messenger of the House, the Honorable Kristy Lindstrom received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Kristy Lindstrom 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 6. 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.

HR 7. By Representative Ralston of the 7th

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 2013 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 and the Minority Leader shall receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum, and the Administration Floor Leaders each shall receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum. Such amounts shall be received 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 (b) of Section 1-1 of this resolution 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 8. 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 11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 17, 2013, 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 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.

The following Resolution of the House was read:

HR 9. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes

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 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2013 Regular Session and for the duration of this General Assembly, with the following amendments:

SECTION 1.

The Rules of the House of Representatives are amended by revising Rules 1.1 and 1.2 as follows:

"1.1 All members and staff of the House shall conduct themselves at all times with dignity and with respect for others in a manner to ensure appropriate decorum in the

deliberations of the House and to reflect the responsibilities incumbent upon a member or staff of the House.

1.2 Members and staff of the House shall observe decency of speech and gentleness of behavior at all times in the House, the gallery and the lobbies, ante rooms and halls adjacent to the House."

SECTION 2.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 8.2 as follows:

"**8.2** The ~~possession~~ or use of cameras, video cameras, movie cameras, cell phone cameras and similar devices on the floor of the House, in the gallery or in the lobbies during any speech or legislative proceeding is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the Speaker."

SECTION 3.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 9 as follows:

"**Rule 9.** ~~No person shall enter the gallery of the House chamber unless such person has been issued a card by the Speaker authorizing such person to enter the gallery. Such card must be signed by the Speaker and must be displayed by such person to the doorkeeper of the gallery. The Speaker is authorized to revoke any such card. Reserved.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 10.1 as follows:

"**10.1** The Speaker shall appoint the following standing committees:

- (1) Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.
- (2) Appropriations.
- (3) Banks and Banking.
- (4) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.
- (5) ~~Children and Youth.~~
- (6)(5) Code Revision.
- (7)(6) Defense and Veterans Affairs.
- (8)(7) Economic Development and Tourism.
- (9)(8) Education.
- (10)(9) Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications.
- (11)(10) Ethics.
- (12)(11) Game, Fish, and Parks.
- (13)(12) Governmental Affairs.
- (14)(13) Health and Human Services.
- (15)(14) Higher Education.
- (16)(15) Human Relations and Aging.
- (17)(16) ~~Industrial Relations~~ Industry and Labor.
- (18)(17) Information and Audits.
- (19)(18) Insurance.
- (20)(19) Interstate Cooperation.

- ~~(21)~~(20) Intragovernmental Coordination.
- ~~(22)~~(21) Judiciary.
- ~~(23)~~(22) Judiciary, Non-civil.
- (23) Juvenile Justice.
- (24) Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment.
- (25) Motor Vehicles.
- (26) Natural Resources and Environment.
- (27) Public Safety and Homeland Security.
- (28) Regulated Industries.
- (29) Retirement.
- (30) Rules.
- (31) Science and Technology.
- (32) Small Business Development.
- ~~(32)~~(33) Special Rules.
- ~~(33)~~(34) State ~~Institutions and Property~~ Properties.
- ~~(34)~~(35) State Planning and Community Affairs.
- ~~(35)~~(36) Transportation.
- ~~(36)~~(37) Ways and Means."

SECTION 5.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 11.8 as follows:

"**11.8** The Speaker, or the Committee on Assignments, may appoint one or more ~~vice-chairmen~~ chairmen of subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations. Each ~~vice chairman~~ such chairman of a subcommittee appointed shall be designated to preside over one of the following subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations:

- (1) Education.
- (2) Higher Education.
- (3) Health.
- (4) Human Resources.
- (5) Public Safety.
- (6) Economic Development.
- ~~(7) Special Appropriations Project Oversight.~~
- ~~(8)~~(7) General."

SECTION 6.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.4 as follows:

"**33.4** The provisions of Rule 33.2 shall not apply with respect to a minor or technical amendment ~~which corrects items such as grammar, spelling, numbering, cross references or otherwise corrects manifest typographical or other similar errors.~~ The determination of whether an amendment is a minor or technical amendment shall be according to the judgment of the Speaker of the House, subject to appeal to the body."

SECTION 7.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 33.8 as follows:

~~"33.8 There shall be a separate section at the beginning of each day's rules calendar known as the uncontested resolutions calendar. All resolutions referred to in this subsection which are approved by the Committee on Rules for placement on the rules calendar shall be placed on the uncontested resolutions calendar unless otherwise ordered by the committee. When considered by the full House, all resolutions on the uncontested resolutions calendar shall be voted on as a group and without debate; except that any member of the House shall have the right to have any resolution on the uncontested resolutions calendar removed therefrom and placed on the general rules calendar, in which case it shall be subject to consideration in the same manner as any other bill or resolution on the general rules calendar. Resolutions for placement on the uncontested resolutions calendar shall include only: (1) resolutions establishing study committees and other similar bodies; and (2) commemorative resolutions which name or rename roads, streets, highways, parks, bodies of water, bridges, institutions, buildings, structures, and other geographical landmarks. Reserved."~~

SECTION 8.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 56 as follows:

Rule 56. All reports of a committee shall be in writing. ~~The minority of a committee may make a report in writing, setting forth succinctly the reasons for its dissent.~~ Wherever practicable, each committee shall include with its report on each general bill or resolution a brief resume of the bill. If the committee shall so order, the Clerk shall have the majority report printed and distributed to the members of the House. A majority of the minority of a committee, but not less than two members of the committee, may make a report in writing, setting forth succinctly the reasons for its dissent. In order for a minority report to be considered, a written notice of intention to file such report must be provided by the first signer thereof to the chairman of the committee; and after such notice has been given, the minority report, with a copy of the notice given to the committee chairman attached, must be filed with the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next legislative day after the committee report is filed. If a minority report is ~~written~~ duly noticed and filed, and a majority of the minority of the committee, but not less than two members of the committee, shall so order, the Clerk shall have the minority report printed and distributed to members of the House."

SECTION 9.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 83 as follows:

Rule 83. ~~If any member shall be called to order for words spoken, the words excepted to shall be taken down in writing by the Clerk and read. The words excepted to shall then be admitted, denied, or explained by the member who spoke them. Thereupon, the question of order shall be decided and such other proceedings shall be conducted as the House may deem proper in regard thereto. If, at any time, the House is acting under the previous question, such question of order and other proceedings referred to shall not be~~

~~taken up for decision until after the previous question and the main question have been disposed of or until such future time as may then be ordered by the House. No member shall be held to answer or be subject to actions by the House for words spoken in debate if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened before the exception to the words is taken. Reserved.~~"

SECTION 10.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 100 as follows:

~~"**Rule 100.** While the motion to indefinitely postpone takes precedence over a motion to postpone to a day certain, or to commit, or to amend, a motion to indefinitely postpone cannot be applied to said motions, nor can it be applied to incidental questions, such as questions of order, reading of papers, withdrawal of a motion, and suspension of a rule. Reserved."~~

SECTION 11.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 119 as follows:

~~"**Rule 119.** When any bill or resolution which originated in the House has been amended in the Senate and is before the House for action on the Senate amendment, any amendment may be offered in the House to the Senate amendment; but the House amendment to the Senate amendment cannot be further amended in the House. The amendment offered in the House to the Senate amendment must be agreed to or voted down before the Senate amendment, as amended by such House amendment, may be agreed to or voted down."~~

SECTION 12.

Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 140 as follows:

~~"**Rule 140.**~~

~~**140.1** After the call of the yeas and nays, the Clerk shall verify how each member voted, and no member shall be permitted to change his or her vote unless the member declares at the time of the verification that he or she voted under a mistake of the question. When the electric roll call system is used, this rule shall not be applicable.~~

~~**140.2** Verification of a roll call vote may be dispensed with only by unanimous consent or by a majority of a quorum. When the electric roll call system is used, no verification of the roll call vote is required. Reserved."~~

SECTION 13.

Said rules are further amended by deleting "and" at the end of Rule 171.7, replacing the period with "; and" at the end of Rule 171.8, and adding a new Rule 171.9 to read as follows:

~~"**171.9** No member of the House shall knowingly meet at the state capitol or Coverdell Legislative Office Building with any person who is required by the law of this State to register as a lobbyist to discuss the promotion or opposition of the passage of any legislation by the General Assembly or any committee thereof or the override of a veto"~~

unless such person either is wearing his or her valid official registered lobbyist badge or is a resident of the House district which such member represents."

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

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	N Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	N Dickerson	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	N Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	N Henson	N Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	Y Neal	N Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
N Bell	N Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Holcomb	N Oliver	N Stovall
N Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	N Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Talton
N Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Tankersley
Y Black	Y Duncan	N Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tanner
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	N Hugley	Y Peake	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Teasley
N Brooks	N Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	N Thomas, A.M.
N Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	N Thomas, B
N Bryant	N Evans	N Jones, L	Y Quick	VACANT
N Buckner	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	N Floyd	N Jordan	N Randall	N Waites
Y Caldwell, J	N Fludd	N Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	N Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	N Frye	Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	N Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
Y Casas	N Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gasaway	Y Knight	Y Rutledge	Y Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Geisinger	Y Lindsey	Y Rynders	Y Willard
Y Chapman	N Glanton	Y Lumsden	N Scott	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	N Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	N Gordon	N Marin	N Sharper	N Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	N Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 118, nays 57.

The Resolution was adopted.

The following Resolution of the House was read and adopted:

HR 10. 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., Thursday, February 7, 2013, 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 members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Dickey of the 140th.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Ewing, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

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

SR 2. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th and Henson of the 41st:

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

SR 3. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th and Henson of the 41st:

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

The following Resolution of the Senate was read and adopted:

SR 3. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th and Henson of the 41st:

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

The Speaker has appointed as a Committee of Notification on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Carter of the 175th, Hatchett of the 150th, Coomer of the 14th, Rogers of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Nimmer of the 178th.

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.