

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 21, 2013

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

Abrams	Cooke	Gordon	Marin	Sims, B
Alexander	Coomer	Gravley	Martin	Smith, E
Allison	Cooper	Greene	Maxwell	Smith, L
E Anderson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hamilton	E McCall	E Smith, M
Atwood	Deffenbaugh	Harbin	Meadows	Smith, R
Ballinger	Dempsey	Harden	Mitchell	Smyre
Barr	Dickerson	Harrell	Murphy	Spencer
Battles	Dickey	Hatchett	E Neal	Stephens, M
Beasley-Teague	Dickson	Hawkins	Nimmer	Stephens, R
Bennett	Dollar	E Henson	Nix	E Stephenson
Bentley	Douglas	Hightower	E Oliver	Stovall
Benton	Drenner	Hill	Parrish	Strickland
Beverly	Dudgeon	Hitchens	Parsons	Talton
Black	Dukes	Holcomb	Peake	Tankersley
Braddock	Dunahoo	Holmes	Pezold	Tanner
Broadrick	Duncan	Holt	Powell, A	Taylor, D
Brooks	Dutton	Houston	Powell, J	Taylor, T
Bruce	Ehrhart	Howard	Pruett	Teasley
Bryant	England	Hugley	Quick	E Thomas, A.M.
Buckner	Epps, C	Jackson	Ramsey	Thomas, B
Burns	Epps, J	Jacobs	Randall	Turner
Caldwell, J	Evans	Jaspense	Rice	Waites
Caldwell, M	Fleming	Jones, J	Riley	Watson, B
Carson	Floyd	Jones, L	Roberts	Watson, S
Carter	Fludd	E Jones, S	Rogers, C	Weldon
E Casas	Frazier	Jordan	Rogers, T	Wilkerson
Chandler	Frye	Kaiser	Rutledge	Wilkinson
Channell	Fullerton	Kelley	Rynders	Williams, A
Chapman	Gardner	Kidd	Scott	Williams, C
Cheokas	Gasaway	Kirby	E Setzler	Williams, E
Clark, J	Geisinger	Lindsey	Sharper	Williamson
Clark, V	Glanton	Lumsden	Shaw	Yates
Coleman	Golick	Mabra	Sheldon	Ralston, Speaker

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

Representatives Bell of the 58th, Brockway of the 102nd, Gregory of the 34th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Knight of the 130th, Mayo of the 84th, Morgan of the 39th, Morris

of the 156th, Mosby of the 83rd, O`Neal of the 146th, Pak of the 108th, Welch of the 110th, and Willard of the 51st.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Judson "Jay" Hodges, Pastor, Greensboro First United Methodist Church, Greensboro, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Sims of the 123rd, 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 11. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-1126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to written policies and procedures for operation of school buses, so as to require local school systems to establish specific procedures and safety precautions regarding

unloading children under eight years of age from a school bus; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 17. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agricultural commodities promotion, so as to provide for a farm to school program to promote the sale of Georgia grown farm products to county and independent school districts in this state; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education, so as to provide for a program to encourage and solicit county and independent school districts to purchase Georgia grown farm products; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 404. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Willard of the 51st, Stephens of the 164th and Harbin of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to provide that freestanding pediatric emergency facilities are exempt from certificate of need requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB 405. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Fludd of the 64th, Casas of the 107th, Coleman of the 97th, Kaiser of the 59th and others:

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 require members of governing boards of nonprofit organizations which are charter petitioners, charter schools, and state charter schools to participate in governance training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

- HB 406. By Representatives Peake of the 141st, Lindsey of the 54th, Harrell of the 106th, Hamilton of the 24th, Williamson of the 115th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, so as to provide that a taxpayer may submit a certain appraisal in support of an appeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 407. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Atwood of the 179th, Rice of the 95th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation, suspension, and revocation of drivers' licenses, and Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ignition interlock devices as a condition of probation, so as to modify and extend provisions related to the mandatory use of ignition interlock devices following a second conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; 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 Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 408. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Martin of the 49th, Allison of the 8th, Teasley of the 37th, Rogers of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-5-180.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to allocating water and wastewater usage among tenants, charging tenants for usage, and measuring water usage, so as to provide that, if a building containing residential dwellings is served by a master meter, the rates charged to a customer by a public water provider shall be prorated among the number of dwellings served by such master meter and shall be no greater than rates charged to single family residential users for the same usage; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- HB 409. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Roberts of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local governments from adopting certain regulations pertaining to animals; to amend Code Section 4-8-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intent of chapter regulating dogs, so as to limit authority of local governments to establish dog control regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 410. By Representatives Beverly of the 143rd, Randall of the 142nd, Epps of the 144th and Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create the Macon-Bibb County Community Enhancement Authority," approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5270), so as to define certain terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 411. By Representatives Welch of the 110th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deductions from inmate accounts for expenses, so as to provide for a detention facility commissary fee and the disposition of such fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HB 412. By Representative Harrell of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide the option to the taxpayer to receive tax bills or subsequent notices via electronic transmission; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 413. By Representatives Harbin of the 122nd, Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Harden of the 148th and Broadrick of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to define "maximum allowable cost"; to impose certain requirements on pharmacy benefits managers who use maximum allowable cost pricing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- HB 414. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

- HB 415. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as to make certain stylistic changes to said charter; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

- HB 416. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as change certain provisions relating to the personnel review board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 417. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as to make certain stylistic changes to said charter; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 418. By Representative Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state administrative organization for revenue collection, so as to provide a method for county and municipal governing authorities to obtain certain information from the revenue commissioner; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 419. By Representative Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes generally, so as to change a definition for state sales and use taxes regarding manufacturing; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 420. By Representative Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax executions, so as to change certain provisions regarding issuance of tax executions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 421. By Representative Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel and road taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 422. By Representative Peake of the 141st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 423. By Representatives Allison of the 8th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dutton of the 157th, Shaw of the 176th, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to field and retriever trials, permits, and hunting licenses, so as to provide that live raccoons may be used in sanctioned organization field trial competitions under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 424. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Waites of the 60th:

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 under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require local boards of education to offer driver education as an elective course; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 425. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Mitchell of the 88th and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to enact the "Parent Conference Act"; to provide that an employee who is a parent of a child who is a local school system student shall be permitted time off from his or her employment to attend a conference with a teacher or administrator at the school of the child; to provide for stipulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 426. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 87th and Waites of the 60th:

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 enact a bill of rights for Georgia teachers; to require annual evaluations of principals and assistant principals by teachers; to revise provisions relating to a teacher's authority to remove a student from the classroom; to revise a provision relating to personnel matters not subject to complaint; to prohibit requiring or coercing a teacher to change a student grade or test score; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 427. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Willard of the 51st, Jacobs of the 80th, Abrams of the 89th, Kidd of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to change certain provisions relating to the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978" and the merit system in order to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation; to add definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 428. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the Department of Human Services, so as to enact the "Foster Children's Psychotropic Medication Monitoring Act"; to

provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of Human Services to establish regulations governing the use of psychotropic medications for children in state custody; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB 429. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to discipline of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to require annual reporting of bullying incidents; to provide for criminal offenses; to provide for input into antibullying strategies by school councils; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 430. By Representative Parsons of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use tax, so as to clarify the eligibility of solar energy electric generation equipment for a tax exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 411. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th and Cooke of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Trooper Lieutenant Joseph "Joey" Keith Boatright and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 412. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for an eastern corridor in metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, for bicycle traffic; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 378	HB 379
HB 380	HB 381
HB 382	HB 383
HB 384	HB 385
HB 386	HB 387
HB 388	HB 389
HB 390	HB 391
HB 392	HB 393
HB 394	HB 395
HB 396	HB 397
HB 398	HB 399
HB 400	HB 401
HB 402	HB 403
HR 388	HR 389
HR 410	SB 81
SB 117	

Representative Cooper of the 43rd 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 Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 315	Do Pass
HB 317	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 43rd
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 170	Do Pass	HB 241	Do Pass
HB 340	Do Pass	HB 342	Do Pass
HB 353	Do Pass		

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

Representative Weldon of the 3rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Juvenile Justice, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Juvenile Justice 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 219	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 256	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Weldon of the 3rd
Chairman

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

HR 151	Do Pass
HR 284	Do Pass
HR 415	Do Pass

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 21st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Open Rule

None

Modified Open Rule

- HB 126 Park rangers; any person obstructing or hindering the lawful discharge of official duties; prohibit (Substitute)(JudyNC-Hamilton-24th)
- HB 234 Contracts; new chapter that provides for notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; enact (A&CA-Smith-70th)
- HB 254 Motor vehicles; electronic proof of insurance may be accepted under certain circumstances; provide (Ins-Williamson-115th)
- HB 255 Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005; administration responsibilities from Department of Revenue to Department of Public Safety; transfer (PS&HS-Rogers-10th)
- HB 286 Hawkinsville, City of; Pulaski County; create and incorporate new political body corporate under name Hawkinsville-Pulaski County, Georgia (IGC-Harden-148th)

Modified Structured Rule

- HB 232 Regents Retirement Plan; level of employee participation; change (Ret-Battles-15th)

Pursuant to Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to one hour each on HB 264 and HB 265. Time to be allocated by the Speaker.

- HB 264 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; extensively revise (Substitute)(Trans-Jacobs-80th)
- HB 265 Mass transportation; suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities; repeal provisions (Substitute)(Trans-Jacobs-80th)

Structured Rule

None

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Meadows of the 5th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was postponed until tomorrow:

HB 170. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, Martin of the 49th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide tax relief for Fulton County; to impose a cap on certain millage rates imposed by Fulton County; to provide for future millage rate increases; to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$15,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county, approved April 20, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6583), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4010), so as to increase the exemption amount to \$60,000.00 after a two-year phase-in period; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 241. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Bell of the 58th, Kaiser of the 59th, Waites of the 60th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office for current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 340. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Enigma, approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5205), so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 342. By Representative Ramsey of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Senoia; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for prior ordinances and rules, pending matters, and existing personnel; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal specific Acts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 353. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Trion, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5099), so as to provide for the continuation and support of the independent school system of the town; to provide limitations on the holding of other offices by the school superintendent and members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	E Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	E Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	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	Y 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	E Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y Epps, J	N Jones, J	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Cheokas	Y Golick	Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 160, nays 1.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 11. By Senator Carter of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to water resources, so as to reestablish the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council and provide for its membership; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative intent; to provide for duties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 69. By Senators Murphy of the 27th, Crosby of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd, Chance of the 16th, Carter of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4A of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice, so as to provide for confidentiality of information supplied by certain children; to provide for penalties for a breach of confidentiality; to provide for confidentiality of investigations; to amend Code Section 15-11-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sharing confidential information between governmental agencies, so as to provide a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 86. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 and Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking and criminal procedure, respectively, so as to provide greater protection to victims of family violence; to define "family violence order"; to change provisions relating to arrests with and without warrants involving family violence orders; to change provisions relating to bail for persons charged with violating family violence orders; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 220. By Representative Harden of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Crisp County, approved August 8, 1908 (Ga. L. 1908, p. 295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 23, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4091), so as to change the descriptions of commissioner districts and posts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members until the expiration of the terms of office to which they were elected;

to provide for other matters; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 11. By Senator Carter of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to water resources, so as to reestablish the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council and provide for its membership; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative intent; to provide for duties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

SB 69. By Senators Murphy of the 27th, Crosby of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd, Chance of the 16th, Carter of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4A of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice, so as to provide for confidentiality of information supplied by certain children; to provide for penalties for a breach of confidentiality; to provide for confidentiality of investigations; to amend Code Section 15-11-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sharing confidential information between governmental agencies, so as to provide a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

SB 86. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 and Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stalking and criminal procedure, respectively, so as to provide greater protection to victims of family violence; to define "family violence order"; to change provisions relating to arrests with and without warrants involving family violence orders; to change provisions relating to bail for persons charged with violating family violence orders; to provide for related matters; to

provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

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

Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Kelley of the 16th, Maxwell of the 17th, Braddock of the 19th, Gravely of the 67th, Alexander of the 66th, Gardner of the 57th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Williamson of the 115th.

Pursuant to HR 283, the House congratulated the Augusta Christian Schools Varsity Competition Cheerleading Team on winning the 2012 South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Class AAA State Competition Cheerleading Championship and invited them to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 282, the House congratulated the Augusta Christian Schools varsity football team on their record-breaking season and invited them to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 207, the House recognized and commended the Lanier Technical College Adult Education Program for its outstanding accomplishments and invited its members to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 401, the House commended the Georgia Airports Association and its leadership; Robert Mohl, Hope Macaluso, Mario Evans, Colette Edmisten, Mike Mathews, and Blake Swafford, and recognized February 21, 2013, as Legislative Fly-In at the capitol.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 232. By Representatives Battles of the 15th and Maxwell of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-21-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employee and other contributions in the Regents Retirement Plan, so as to change the level of employee participation; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	E Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	E 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	Y 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	Y Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gasaway	Y Knight	Y Rutledge	Y Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Geisinger	Y Lindsey	Y Rynders	Willard
Y Chapman	Y Glanton	Y Lumsden	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Setzler	Y Williams, C
Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 255. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Benton of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-102 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification as a prerequisite to the operation of a motor carrier of passengers or household goods or property and minimum insurance requirement, and Article 6A of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of the

federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005, so as to transfer the administration responsibilities of the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Safety, to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y 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	Y 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	Y Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Fludd	Y Kaiser	N Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	N Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 286. By Representative Harden of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the restructuring of the governments of the City of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County; to create and incorporate a new political body corporate under the name Hawkinsville-Pulaski County, Georgia; to provide for the status, boundaries, and powers of the restructured government; to provide for the form, administration, and affairs of the restructured government; to provide for officers and employees, elections, courts, authorities, taxation, and finance; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Abrams	N Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	N Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	N Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smyre
N Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	N Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	N Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Talton
Y Beverly	N Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Tankersley
Y Black	N Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Tanner
Y Braddock	N Dutton	Y 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	N 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	E Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	N Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Williamson

Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
N Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 12.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 254. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Shaw of the 176th, Rice of the 95th, Harbin of the 122nd, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide that electronic proof of insurance may be accepted under certain circumstances; to provide for a definition; to provide that an insurance company may issue coverage information in electronic format on a mobile electronic device of insurance coverage in lieu of issuing a card; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
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	Y Hugley	Y Peake	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	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	E Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S

Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Weldon
E Casas	Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y 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	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 126. By Representatives Hamilton of the 24th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Duncan of the 26th, Rogers of the 29th, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to provide a definition; to prohibit any person from knowingly and willfully obstructing or hindering any park ranger in the lawful discharge of such park ranger's official duties; to prohibit any person from knowingly and willfully resisting, obstructing, or opposing any park ranger in the lawful discharge of such park ranger's official duties by offering or doing violence to the person of such park ranger; to provide for penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to provide a definition; to prohibit any person from knowingly and willfully obstructing or hindering any park ranger in the lawful discharge of such park ranger's official duties; to prohibit any person from knowingly and willfully resisting, obstructing, or opposing any park ranger in the lawful discharge of such park ranger's official duties by offering or doing violence to the person of such park ranger; to provide for penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-10-24.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'park ranger' means any person, other than a law enforcement officer and other individuals covered under Code Section 16-10-24, however designated, who is employed by the state, any political subdivision of the state, or the United States for the enforcement of park rules and regulations.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a person who knowingly and willfully obstructs or hinders any park ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any park ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties by offering or doing violence to the person of such park ranger shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E 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	Y 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	Y 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	E Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT

Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y 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	N Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 234. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Lindsey of the 54th and Epps of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to enact a new chapter that provides for notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; to provide for notice to a consumer prior to the automatic renewal of a service contract; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
N Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	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	Y 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	E Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Yates
Y Cooke	N Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism 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 318 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications 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 176 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment 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 199 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 226 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 320 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries 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 99 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 132 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 213 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

Representative Meadows of the 5th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules 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 142 Do Pass, by Substitute
 HB 143 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Meadows of the 5th
 Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 264. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Lindsey of the 54th, Riley of the 50th, Geisinger of the 48th, Taylor of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to extensively revise such Act; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 AN ACT

To amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to extensively revise such Act; to reconstitute the board of directors; to provide for staggered terms for board members; to provide for a limit on re-appointment of board members; to provide for a method for nonparticipating counties to join the Authority; to require Board approval of certain payments and award of certain contracts; to remove restrictions on the operation of private enterprises; to remove restrictions on fares, rates, and rental charges for charter, group, and party bus services; to suspend defined benefit plans for future employees; to provide for a limit on annual bonded debt service; to revise what entities may exercise eminent domain on behalf of the Authority; to provide for certain

information to be addressed during board meetings; to provide for the privatization of certain services; to revise requirements for annual reporting; to provide for budgeting procedures; to revise procedures for the collective bargaining process and the appointment of an arbitrator; to provide for a suspension of restrictions on the use of sales and use tax proceeds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, is amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

"(a) The On and after January 1, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Authority shall be reconstituted and composed of 11 voting members and two nonvoting members. Four Three members shall be residents of the City of Atlanta to be nominated by the Mayor and elected by the City Council; five four members shall be residents of DeKalb County with three of the four appointees to be appointed by the local governing body thereof Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County and at least one of such appointees shall be a resident of that portion of DeKalb County lying south of the southernmost corporate boundaries of the City of Decatur and at least one of such appointees shall be a resident of that portion of DeKalb County lying north of the southernmost corporate boundaries of the City of Decatur and the fourth appointee to be appointed by a majority vote of a caucus of mayors of the municipalities located wholly in DeKalb County; three members shall be residents of Fulton County to be appointed by the local governing body thereof, and at least one of such appointees members shall be a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta to be appointed by a majority vote of a caucus of mayors of the municipalities of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta, the chairperson of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and the members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners whose districts include any portion of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta, and two of such members shall be residents of that portion of Fulton County lying north of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta to be appointed by a majority vote of a caucus of mayors of the municipalities of Fulton County lying north of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; one member shall be a resident of Fulton or DeKalb County to be appointed by the Governor; one nonvoting member shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and one nonvoting member shall be the Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority. Those board members appointed by a local governing authority, caucus, or the Governor as described in this section in office as of January 1, 2014, shall serve initial terms of office as follows: two of the three appointees of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, two of the three appointees of the Mayor and City Council of Atlanta,

and one of the two appointees of the caucus of mayors from municipalities lying north of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta shall serve a term of two years, and the remaining appointees shall serve for terms of four years. No later than November 1, 2013, each local governing authority or caucus shall designate which board members shall serve an initial term of two years. ~~and that membership position held by a Fulton County resident, appointed by the local governing body of that county, the term of which position expires December 31, 1988, shall, beginning on and after January 1, 1989, be filled by the local governing body of Fulton County appointing a person who is a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying north of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; one member shall be a resident of Clayton County to be appointed by the local governing body thereof; and one member shall be a resident of Gwinnett County to be appointed by the local governing body thereof. Four members, representing the State, shall be as follows: the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation who shall be an ex officio member; the State Revenue Commissioner who shall be an ex officio member; the Executive Director of the State Properties Commission who shall be an ex officio member; and the Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority who shall be an ex officio member. The first member who must be a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta shall be appointed by the governing body of Fulton County to take office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31, 1986. The two members who are DeKalb County residents and appointed by the governing authority thereof and who are added by this paragraph shall each be appointed by the governing body of DeKalb County to take office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31, 1986. After the initial terms of those three members added to the Board in 1985, After the initial two-year terms of those five board members described in this subsection, that governing body or caucus which appointed the member for that initial term to that office shall appoint successors thereto for terms of office of four years in the same manner that such governing body or caucus makes its other appointments to the Board.~~

~~The initial terms of the four members added in 1976 by the above paragraph shall be as follows: the member from DeKalb County to be appointed by the local governing body of DeKalb County shall be appointed no later than sixty days after the effective date of this subsection for a term ending December 31, 1978, and shall take office immediately upon appointment; the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, the State Revenue Commissioner and the Executive Director of the State Properties Commission shall become members of the Board on the effective date of this subsection and shall serve while holding their State offices.~~

Those board members in office on May 31, 2013, shall serve until December 31, 2013. The Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall become a member nonvoting members of the Board on the effective date of this sentence and shall serve while holding his or her their State office offices.

Except as provided above, all appointments shall be for terms of four years except that a vacancy caused otherwise than by expiration shall be filled for the unexpired portion thereof by the ~~local governing body~~ appointing entity which made the original appointment to the vacant position, or its successor in office. A member of the Board may be appointed to succeed himself or herself for one four-year term; provided, however, that board membership prior to January 1, 2014, shall not be considered in calculating limits on length of service. Appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made by the ~~local governing body~~ appointing entity prior to the expiration of the term, but such appointments shall not be made more than thirty days prior to the expiration of the term. Members appointed to the Board shall serve for the terms of office specified in this section and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(b) ~~Having initially declined membership on the Board and further participation in the Authority, Cobb County may at any time reclaim its membership on the Board and participate further in the Authority as provided in this subsection (b).~~ The local governing ~~body~~ bodies of Clayton, Cobb, and Gwinnett County counties may, any other provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, negotiate, enter into, and submit to the qualified voters of their respective counties ~~Cobb County~~ the question of approval of a rapid transit contract between ~~Cobb County~~ the county submitting the question and the Authority, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of this Act. The local governing ~~body~~ bodies of ~~Cobb County~~ these counties shall be authorized to execute such rapid transit contract prior to the holding of the referendum provided for in said Section 24; provided, however, that such rapid transit contract shall not become valid and binding unless the same is approved by a majority of those voting in said referendum, which approval shall also be deemed approval of further participation in the Authority. Upon approval of such rapid transit contract, ~~Cobb County~~ the county entering into such contract shall be a participant in the Authority, and its rights and responsibilities shall, insofar as possible, be the same as if it had participated in the Authority from its beginning, and the local governing body of ~~Cobb County~~ the county may then appoint two residents of ~~Cobb County~~ the county to the Board of Directors of the Authority, to serve a term ending on the 31st day of December in the fourth full year after the year in which the referendum approving said rapid transit contract was held, in which event the Board of Directors of the Authority shall, subsection (a) of this Section 6 to the contrary notwithstanding, be composed of ~~16~~ such additional members.

(c) Reserved.

(d) ~~Except for the ex officio members of the Board, no~~ Except for the Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, no person shall be appointed as a member of the Board who holds any other public office or public employment except an office in the reserves of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard; any member who accepts or enters upon any other public office or public employment shall be disqualified thereby to serve as a member.

(e) ~~A local governing body~~ An appointing entity may remove any member of the Board appointed by it for cause. No member shall be thus removed unless he or she has been given a copy of the charges against him or her and an opportunity to be publicly heard in his or her own defense in person or by counsel with at least ten days' written notice to the member. A member thus removed from office shall have the right to a judicial review of ~~his~~ the member's removal by an appeal to the superior court of the county ~~of the local governing body which appointed him~~ where the member resides, but only on the ground of error of law or abuse of discretion. In case of abandonment of ~~his~~ the member's office, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude or a plea of nolo contendere thereto, removal from office, or disqualification under subsection (d) hereof, the office of a member shall be vacant upon the declaration of the Board. A member shall be deemed to have abandoned ~~his~~ the member's office upon failure to attend any regular or special meeting of the Board for a period of four months without excuse approved by a resolution of the Board, or upon removal of ~~his~~ the member's residence from the territory ~~of the local governing body which appointed him~~ qualifying the member to serve on the Board.

(f) Each appointed member of the Board, except the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson, shall be paid by the Authority a per diem allowance, in an amount equal to that provided by Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as now in effect or as it may hereafter be amended, for each day on which that member attends an official meeting of the Board, of any committee of the Board, or of the Authority's Pension Committee, or Board of Ethics, ~~or Arts Council~~; provided, however, that said per diem allowance shall not be paid to any such member for more than 130 days in any one calendar year. If the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson of the Board is an appointed member of the Board, the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson shall be paid by the Authority a per diem allowance in the same amount for each day in which the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson engages in official business of the Authority, including but not limited to attendance of any of the aforesaid meetings. A member of the Board shall also be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by that member in the performance of that ~~members~~ member's duties as authorized by the Board. A Board member shall not be allowed employee benefits authorized under Section 8(b).

(g) The Board shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chairperson and another as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chairperson for terms to expire on December 31 of each year to preside at meetings and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe. The presiding officer of the Board may continue to vote as any other member, notwithstanding ~~his~~ the member's duties as presiding officer, if he or she so desires. The Board shall also elect from its membership a secretary and a treasurer who shall serve terms expiring on December 31 of each year. A member of the Board may hold only one office on the Board at any one time.

(h) The Board shall hold at least one meeting each month. The Secretary of the Board shall give written notice to each member of the Board at least two days prior to any called meeting that may be scheduled, and said Secretary shall be informed of the call of such meeting sufficiently in advance so as to provide for ~~his~~ giving notice as above.

A majority of the total voting membership of the Board, as it may exist at the time, shall constitute a quorum. On any question presented, the number of members present shall be recorded. By affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the Board may exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Board, except as otherwise hereinafter provided or as limited by its bylaws, and no vacancy on the original membership of the Board, or thereafter, shall impair the power of the Board to act. All meetings of the Board, its Executive Committee, or any committee appointed by the Board shall be subject to ~~all provisions, except for Section 2(a), of an Act providing that all meetings of certain public bodies shall be open to the public, approved March 28, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 575), as now or hereafter amended~~ Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(I) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the following actions by the Board shall require the affirmative vote of one more than a majority of the total voting membership of the Board as it may exist at the time:

(1) The issuance and sale of revenue bonds as contemplated in Section 10 or equipment trust certificates as contemplated in Section 11.

(2) The purchase or lease of any privately owned system of transportation of passengers for hire in its entirety, or any substantial part thereof, as contemplated in Section 8(c) or 8(d). Prior to the purchase or lease of any such privately owned system a public hearing pertaining thereto shall have been held and notice of such public hearing shall have been advertised as provided in Section 9(c) hereof. Provided that no sum shall be paid for such privately owned system of transportation in excess of the fair market value thereof determined by a minimum of two appraisers and approved by a majority of the local governments participating in the financing of such purchase.

(3) The award of any contract involving ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 or more for construction, alterations, supplies, equipment, repairs, maintenance or services ~~other than professional services, or for the purchase, sale or lease of any property.~~ Any contract involving \$200,000.00 or more shall be awarded through a competitive bidding process as described in Section 14 of this Act. The Board by appropriate resolution may delegate to the general manager the general or specific authority to enter into contracts involving less than ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 if such contracts are entered into in accordance with Section 14 of this Act.

(4) The grant of any concession as contemplated in Section 14(f).

(5) The award of any contract for the management of any Authority-owned property or facility as contemplated in Section 14(h).

(j) The Board shall appoint and employ, as needed, a general manager, and a general counsel, none of whom may be members of the Board or a relative of a member of the Board, and delegate to them such authority as it may deem appropriate. It may make such by-laws or rules and regulations as it may deem appropriate for its own government, not inconsistent with this Act, including the establishment of an Executive Committee to exercise such authority as its by-laws may prescribe.

(k) The treasurer of the Authority and such other members of the Board and such other officers and employees of the Authority as the Board may determine shall execute corporate surety bonds, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their respective duties. A blanket form of surety bond may be used for this purpose. Neither the obligation of the principal or the surety shall extend to any loss sustained by the insolvency, failure or closing of any depository which has been approved as a depository for public funds.

(1)(4) In addition to the requirements of subsection (h) of this section, each member of the Board shall hold a meeting once each 12 months with the local governing body which appointed such member. The Secretary of the Board shall give written notice to each member of the Board, to each local governing body, and to the governing authority of each municipality in the county in which there is an existing or proposed rail line at least two days prior to any meeting that may be scheduled, and said Secretary shall be informed of the call of such meeting sufficiently in advance so as to provide for his giving such notice. These meetings shall be for the purpose of reporting to the local governing bodies on the operations of the Authority and on the activities of the Board and making such information available to the general public. No activity which requires action by the Board shall be initiated or undertaken at any meeting conducted under this subsection.

~~(2) The Board shall submit once each three months a written report on the operations of the Authority and on the activities of the Board to each local governing body which appoints a member of the Board."~~

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (p) and (s) of Section 8 as follows:

~~"(p) The Authority shall have no power to operate taxicabs, or facilities designed exclusively for the transportation of property for hire, nor shall it engage in other activities commonly regarded as private enterprise, except to develop a rapid transit system, provide concessions, off-street parking and other facilities for the comfort, safety and convenience of transit passengers, and otherwise accomplish the purposes and policies expressed and contemplated in this Act. Reserved."~~

"(s) With respect to the establishment of deferred compensation plans for the benefit of its employees, all of the powers enjoyed by the state or any county, municipality, or other political subdivision pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A. In exercising the powers conferred by this subsection, the Authority shall not be subject to the restrictions on investments imposed by subsections 10(r) and 10(u) of this Act. No defined benefit plan shall be issued on behalf of any employee who commences employment on or after January 1, 2014, unless such restriction precludes the Authority from receiving certification under Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b), and renders the Authority ineligible for federal financial assistance."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (c), (e), (f), and (h) of Section 9 as follows:

"(c) The Board shall determine by ~~itself exclusively~~ majority vote after public hearings as hereinafter provided, the routes, types of construction, equipment, and facilities to be operated by the Authority, the scheduled services to be made available to the public and, ~~except for the rates, fares, rentals, and charges for charter, group, and party bus services as provided in subsection (f) of this Section,~~ the amounts to be charged therefor. Before making any determinations as to scheduled services or amounts to be charged for such services, ~~other than amounts charged for charter, group, and party bus services,~~ the Board shall first hold at least one public hearing after giving notice of the time and place by twice advertising on different days in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the metropolitan area not more than ten days nor less than five days prior to the hearing. As to all other matters, the Board may hold such public hearings as it may deem appropriate, and as to all public hearings, it may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations to govern such hearings not inconsistent with this Act."

~~"(e) Except for determining the rates, fares, rentals, and charges for charter, group, and party bus services as set forth in subsection (f) of this Section, the function of the Board under subsections (c) and (d) shall not be delegated or exercised by any other person or body under any circumstances. Reserved.~~

~~(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the contrary, the per hour rates, fares, rentals, and charges for charter, group, and party bus services rendered by the Authority shall be no less than the lowest per hour rates, fares, rentals, and charges actually charged for charter, group, and party bus services provided by motor common carriers and motor contract carriers in the metropolitan area. Any person aggrieved by any determination of the Board as to any rates, fares, rentals, and charges for charter, group, and party bus services may challenge same by a petition filed, within thirty days of the occurrence of the event or determination complained of, with the Public Service Commission of this State. A hearing, and such other proceedings as may be ordered, upon the aggrieved party's complaint shall be conducted by the Public Service Commission within thirty days after the filing of the complaint in order to determine the lawfulness of the challenged conduct or rates, fares, rentals, and charges for charter, group, and party bus services. The rulings of the Public Service Commission shall be subject to judicial review in any superior court of any county of the metropolitan area in which the charge may be applicable; however, whenever two or more legal actions are brought against the determination of the Public Service Commission in different superior courts, exclusive jurisdiction thereof shall be vested in the first such court to docket such a petition and all other petitions may be refiled in the superior court having exclusive jurisdiction. Reserved."~~

"(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the contrary, not later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Authority, the Board shall adjust the amounts to be charged for transportation services to the public so that the total funds to be received from transit operating revenue during the fiscal year of the

Authority ending June 30, 1980, shall be no less than thirty percent of the operating costs of the system for the immediately preceding fiscal year, and so that the total funds to be received from transit operating revenue during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, and for each fiscal year thereafter shall be no less than thirty-five percent of the operating costs of the system for the immediately preceding fiscal year. In making such adjustments, the Board shall be authorized to rely upon estimates of all revenue, patronage, and other factors which may affect the amounts to be charged for transportation services to the public; provided, if such amounts actually charged during one fiscal year resulted in transit operating revenue less than that required under this subsection, the amounts to be charged the immediately succeeding fiscal year shall be sufficient, along with all other transit operating revenue, to make up such deficit as well as meet the other requirements of this subsection.

(2) ~~Any differences between amounts charged for various transportation services to the public including, but not limited to, amounts charged for weekend or off peak hours' service, or amounts charged special groups of persons, shall be approved by at least a two thirds' vote of the total membership of the Board as it may exist at the time.~~ Reserved.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (h) shall be construed to change any limitation relating to the subsidy of operating costs of the system under subsection (I) of Section 25 of this Act if such limitation would require increasing transit operating revenue above the amount provided in this subsection.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, 'transit operating revenue' shall include all revenue from fares, rates, and charges for transportation services and revenues from all other sources except the sales and use taxes levied pursuant to Section 25 of this Act; and 'operating costs' means 'operating costs of the system,' as defined in subsection (I) of Section 25 of this Act, and exclusive of depreciation and amortization and other costs and charges as provided in the said definition."

SECTION 4.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 10 and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest payable at such times and at such rate or rates within such limits as now or hereafter may be established in the Revenue Bond Law of the State of Georgia (Ga. L. 1937, p. 761, et seq.) as now or hereafter amended, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times not exceeding ~~forty (40)~~ thirty (30) years from the date thereof, as the Board may determine. The bonds may be in coupon or registered form, or both, as the Board may determine, and the Board may make provision for the registration of any coupon bond as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest."

"(x) The total principal and interest of the Authority's annual bonded debt service shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the sales tax revenues collected in the previous fiscal year beginning in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2016, and for each fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2019, the total principal and interest of the Authority's

annual bonded debt service shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the sales tax revenues collected in the previous fiscal year."

SECTION 5.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 12 as follows:

"The Authority shall have no power of eminent domain, but ~~the City of Atlanta and the counties of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Clayton and Gwinnett may, for purposes of the Authority, exercise the broadest power of eminent domain~~ shall be available to them any city or county government within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority or any agency or joint agency thereof, under any statute, and to convey to the Authority any property so acquired upon payment or credit for the total cost of any acquisition hereunder. For purposes of this section, the power of eminent domain shall lie in a city governing body if the property is located within that city's territorial limits and the power of eminent domain shall lie in a county governing body if the property is located in an unincorporated location within the county. However, no local governing body shall exercise any power of eminent domain hereunder with respect to property located beyond its territorial limits."

SECTION 6.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (a) through (d) and adding new subsections to Section 14 to read as follows:

"(a) Except in the acquisition of unique property which for any reason is unobtainable in the open market, and except as hereinafter otherwise provided, competitive bids shall be secured before any acquisition or disposition of properties by contract or otherwise is made by the Authority, or before any contract is awarded for construction, alterations, supplies, equipment, repairs or maintenance, or for rendering any services to the Authority, acquisitions shall be made from, and contracts awarded to, the lowest responsible bidder, and dispositions of property shall be made to the highest responsible bidder. No acquisition of any unique property unobtainable in the open market shall be made without the express approval by majority vote of the Board where the amount involved is \$25,000.00 or more. ~~Nothing in this Section shall apply to contracts for professional services or the personal services of employees, or to contracts for services of individuals or organizations not employed full time by the Authority but who are engaged primarily in the rendition of personal services and not the sale of goods and merchandise, such as but not limited to the services of attorneys, accountants, engineers, architects, consultants and advisors.~~

(b) All such acquisitions, dispositions and contracts involving ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 or more shall be awarded only after advertising in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the metropolitan area at least once a week in the two weeks prior to the bid opening. Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud at a date, time and place designated in the invitation to bid. Invitations to bid shall be sent at least one week prior to the bid opening to at least three potential bidders who are qualified technically and financially to submit bids, or, in lieu thereof, a memorandum shall be

kept on file showing that less than three potential bidders so qualified exist in the market area within which it is practicable to obtain bids. Prior to the award of a contract which will call for an anticipated aggregate payment of ~~\$150,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 or more to the successful bidder, the Authority shall make an accurate and brief summary thereof available to the public in its principal office and shall publish notice of its intention to award such contract to the successful bidder at least five days prior to such award in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the metropolitan area. Such advertisement shall state the name of the successful bidder, the amount of the contract and its subject matter. This provision shall apply to contracts entered into thirty days or more after the effective date of this Act.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, written price quotations from at least three qualified and responsible vendors, or vendees as the case may be, shall be obtained for all acquisitions, dispositions and contracts involving ~~less than \$100,000.00 and over \$10,000.00~~ \$200,000.00 or more, or, in lieu thereof, a memorandum approved by the Board shall be kept on file showing that less than three vendors or vendees, as the case may be, so qualified exist in the market area within which it is practicable to obtain quotations. Acquisitions shall be made from, and contracts awarded to, the lowest responsible quotation, and dispositions of property shall be made to the highest responsible quotation.

(d) Acquisitions, dispositions and contracts involving ~~\$10,000.00 or less~~ less than \$200,000.00 may be negotiated with or without competitive bidding under sound procurement procedures as promulgated and established by the Board."

"(n) For any expenditure to a vendor who has received \$5,000.00 or more within a 12 month period, such expenditure shall be listed by date, payee, amount, and purpose and shall be listed on a schedule that is included as an appendix to the agenda for the next regular meeting of the board. The schedule shall include all such expenditures for the calendar month of the last regular meeting of the full board and any subsequent calendar month where a full meeting of the board was not held. The agenda for each regular meeting of the full board shall include an opportunity for the board to ask questions or make comments about the expenditures listed in the appendix. The appendix required by this subsection shall be posted on the Authority's website no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

(o) By July 1, 2018, the Authority shall enter into binding contracts with private contractors for the provision of the following services in their entirety: accounts payable, payroll processing, human resource benefits administration, employee recruiting and staffing, employee data and records management, telephone maintenance and support, information technology service desk, end-user computer support, workers' compensation claims administration, customer care telephone hotline, paratransit bus service, and the interior cleaning of buses and trains. The Authority and its employees may serve in a supervisory role for contracts involving the services listed in this subsection to ensure proper, efficient, and cost-effective delivery thereof."

SECTION 7.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 14A as follows:

"The Authority shall have available at its principal office for public inspection at all times during regular business hours of the Authority an accurate and brief summary disclosing all material terms of each contract which the Authority has entered into and the terms of which call for expenditures by the Authority of more than \$150,000. The Authority shall prepare an annual report for the period ending June 30 of each year. Each annual report shall include a statement of the tax revenue and operating revenue received during the period, a statement of the total expenditures made during the period and a list of all written contracts entered into by the Authority during the period which call for the Authority to expend at any time in the aggregate more than ~~\$50,000~~ \$20,000. Such list shall also include any employment or consultant contracts (whether or not written) under which the employee or consultant is to be compensated at an annual rate of more than \$20,000, including direct and indirect or deferred benefits. When a person or firm, whose salary or fee is reportable hereunder, shall have his compensation increased at any time, the amount of such increase and the total new rate shall be reported for the period in which the increase takes effect. The list of contracts shall state the anticipated amount of funds to be paid thereunder, or the formula for determining such amount. The Authority shall also prepare a list of the names of each person, firm or corporation which has received from the Authority during such period in excess of \$20,000, as well as the amount paid to such person, firm or corporation during such period. The annual report, together with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the preceding calendar year, and lists required by this Section shall be filed as a statement, verified by the Chairman of the Board of the Authority and its General Manager, with members of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Overview Committee, the Governor, the presiding officers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the State Auditor and with governing authorities of each county and the largest municipality in the area of the Authority's operation. The annual report and lists required by this Section shall be ~~prepared and filed within forty-five days of the end of the reporting period~~ submitted by August 31 of each year, shall be made available at the Authority's principal office for public inspection at all times during regular business hours of the Authority following such filing, and ~~notice of such availability shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the entire geographic area of the Authority's operation within fifteen days after filing. Such notice shall occupy at least one quarter of a full page in such newspaper shall be posted in a prominent location on the Authority's website within two weeks of submittal of the report to the parties enumerated in this Section.~~"

SECTION 8.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 16 as follows:

"(a) The Board shall make provision for a system of financial accounting and controls, audits and reports. All accounting systems and records, auditing procedures and standards, and financial reporting shall conform to generally accepted principles of

governmental accounting. Copies of each financial report required under this Section shall be ~~furnished~~ delivered to the members of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Overview Committee and posted on the website of the Authority. Notice of such publication shall be delivered in electronic format to each local governing body of each participating local government in the metropolitan area as described in Section 6 of this Act. All financial records, reports and documents of the Authority shall be public records and open to public inspection under reasonable regulations prescribed by the Board."

SECTION 9.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (c), (d), (e), and (g) of Section 17 as follows:

"(c) At the time and in the manner prescribed in subsection (b), insofar as applicable, the Board shall propose and adopt an annual capital improvements budget. The proposed capital improvements budget shall show all capital improvement projects in process of completion, those to be undertaken during the ensuing fiscal year and those anticipated to be undertaken during the ensuing ten years. The proposed capital improvements budget shall show all capital improvement projects completed during the preceding ten years as compared to those capital improvement projects that were planned and budgeted for in the capital improvement budgets from the preceding ten years. The proposed budget shall also show the proposed method of financing each proposed project and the effect thereof on the debt structure of the Authority. After a public hearing the Board shall review its proposed budget and on or before the last day of the fiscal year it shall adopt an annual capital improvements budget for the ensuing fiscal year. No contract for the purchase or construction of any capital improvement project shall be authorized, except to meet a public emergency certified as such by the Board, unless it is included in the annual capital improvements budget; however, the Board may propose and adopt an amendment to the annual capital improvements budget by following the procedure herein prescribed for adopting the original budget.

(d) The Authority shall fund and maintain an operating budget reserve of ten percent (10%) of the ~~Authority's prior year operating budget prior fiscal year's total~~ revenues from the sales and use tax provided in Section 25 of this Act. ~~For purposes of this section, the term 'operating budget revenues' shall mean all funds received from federal, state, or local sources, including but not limited to grants, distributions from federal and state formula funds, or direct federal and state appropriations for projects or programs of the Authority, as well as farebox revenues and revenues received from rentals on property owned or operated by the Authority.~~ Said operating budget reserve shall be utilized for ongoing operating expenses only in those circumstances requiring its use due to worsened economic conditions in the Atlanta region, or catastrophic loss such as an act of God or terrorism, which conditions cause a temporary shortfall in the Authority's anticipated revenues. The temporary operating revenue shortfall so noted shall be for a period of not less than six consecutive months during which total anticipated revenues are not less than two and one-half percent (2.5%) below the

revenues received during the preceding fiscal year for the same six-month period. The first three percent (3%) of the reserve shall not be used in any six-month period. The purpose of said reserve shall be exclusively to pay the ongoing operating expenses during times of economic downturn and shall not be considered to be an available recurring revenue for operating budget purposes and under no circumstances shall the operating budget reserve be used to permanently replace the revenues which are reduced due to the economic conditions set forth above. Upon cessation of such economic downturn, as evidenced by cessation of the revenue shortfall required for the use of the reserve for Authority operating expenses, the operating budget reserve shall be replenished.

(e) Not later than December 31, 2016, and every four years thereafter, the ~~The~~ Authority shall cause to be performed an independent ~~annual~~ management audit on the condition of management of the Authority ~~at the expense of the Authority,~~ to be supervised and approved by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee, ~~and which~~ The management audit shall be submitted to the Board of the Authority, the Governor, the State Auditor, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee before December 31 of each year in which it is required. The management audit shall be performed at the expense of the Authority."

"(g) The Authority shall submit to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee, the presiding officers of the House and Senate, and the Governor an annual report which report shall indicate consultant expenses, other professional services, salaries and expenses of full-time and part-time employees and Board members, and payments rendered ~~by~~ to outside companies, ~~or~~ agencies, or entities by ~~to~~ the Authority for any and all goods, services, and projects. Said report shall be submitted by August 31 of each year and shall include, along with the requirements specified in Section 14A of this Act, the name of the payee, the date of payment, the payment amount, and the purpose of each payment. If such payment was made pursuant to a contract, the date on which the contract was awarded, the length of the contract term, the award amount of the contract, the cumulative payments that have been made toward the contract, including the listed payment, and any related contract or project identification number shall be included in the report alongside the name of the payee, the date of payment, the payment amount, and the purpose of each payment. In addition to a printed copy to be provided to the parties enumerated in this subsection, said report shall be posted in a prominent location on the Authority's website within two weeks of submittal of the report to the parties enumerated in this subsection. The report posted on the Authority's website shall show employee identification numbers and job titles instead of the names of the employees. The employee's social security number shall not be used as the employee's identification number."

SECTION 10.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 20 as follows:

"(b)(1) The Board may provide for the recognition of authorized representatives of the employees of the Authority and for collective bargaining, in accordance with this subsection, with such authorized representatives.

(2) As used in this subsection, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(A) 'Authorized representative' means the collective bargaining agent for a class of employees, recognized for such purposes by the Board.

(B) 'Collective bargaining' or 'collectively bargain' means performing the mutual obligation of the Authority and the authorized representatives of represented employees to negotiate, in good faith and to impasse, if necessary, over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with the bona fide intention of reaching a negotiated agreement.

(C) 'Grievance arbitration' means arbitration of a dispute between the Authority and the authorized representative, acting on behalf of a represented employee, which involves the interpretation of an existing labor agreement and the application of the terms and conditions of that labor agreement to the claims of one or more employees.

(D) 'Labor agreement' means an agreement, including any agreement respecting pension or retirement benefits for represented employees, between the Authority and the authorized representative, entered into in accordance with this subsection, which establishes the wages, hours, and other terms and condition of employment for represented employees of the Authority.

(E) 'Represented employee' means an employee of the Authority who is a member of a class of employees for which the Board has recognized an authorized representative.

(3) Every labor agreement entered into by the Authority shall provide for grievance arbitration and shall specify the procedure therefor. In any grievance arbitration, the arbitrators must base their decision upon the express terms and conditions of an existing labor agreement.

(4) Upon or prior to the expiration of an existing labor agreement, the Authority and the authorized representative shall collectively bargain in an effort to reach a successor or replacement labor agreement. If, after expiration of an existing labor agreement, the Authority and the authorized representative are then unable to agree upon the terms and conditions of a new labor agreement, including but not limited to the issue of wages, ~~they shall jointly select or, failing their agreement,~~ upon the written petition for binding interest arbitration of either or both parties, the Governor shall appoint an arbitrator within 30 days after the receipt of said petition. ~~a neutral fact finder to investigate and explore all unresolved collective bargaining issues and to render a report to the Authority, the authorized representative, and the public. The neutral fact finder shall conduct such hearings as may be necessary to provide for the full and fair presentation of all unresolved collective bargaining issues by both parties. That fact finder shall be authorized to sign and issue subpoenas for witnesses or documents, to administer oaths, to take oral or written testimony and to take such~~

~~other actions as may be needed to make comprehensive findings of fact and recommendations. When a subpoena is disobeyed, any party may apply to the Superior Court of Fulton County for an order requiring obedience. Failure to comply with that order shall be cause for punishment as for contempt of court. The costs of securing the attendance of witnesses, including fees and mileage, shall be computed in the same manner as prescribed by law in civil cases in the superior court.~~

~~(5) The fact finder's report shall recommend as to all unresolved collective bargaining issues, including appropriate wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for represented employees, and shall set forth supporting factual findings, determined after due consideration of the factors set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (8) of this subsection, and shall contain a summary of the findings. The report of the fact finder shall be issued within 30 days after the fact finder is selected or appointed. Upon issuance, the report shall be distributed by the Authority to the Governor, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee of the Georgia General Assembly, and each local governing body in the metropolitan area. The fact finder shall cause the summary of findings to be published once in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the metropolitan area. The fact finder shall be compensated in the same manner as a special master pursuant to Code Section 22-2-106 of the O.C.G.A., and the costs thereof and any other costs of the proceeding shall be borne equally by the parties. After selection or appointment of a fact finder pursuant to this paragraph, the parties may continue to collectively bargain on any issues.~~

~~(6) Upon issuance of the fact finder's report, the Authority and the authorized representative shall continue to collectively bargain in light of the recommendations set forth in such report. If either party rejects any or all of the fact finder's recommendations and the parties are otherwise unable, through collective bargaining, to reach agreement on such issue or issues, then each party rejecting any of the fact finder's recommendations shall prepare a written statement setting forth the specific recommendations which such party has rejected, the party's counterproposal on the issue or issues, and the reasons for rejecting the fact finder's recommendations. Prior to commencement of any proceeding for interest arbitration, as provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, each party required under this paragraph to prepare that statement shall cause it to be published in the local newspaper having the largest circulation in the metropolitan area and shall concurrently distribute that statement to the Governor, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee of the Georgia General Assembly, and each local governing body in the metropolitan area.~~

~~(7) If, within the 30 days following issuance of the fact finder's report, the Authority and the authorized representative are unable to conclude a new labor agreement, either party may then seek binding interest arbitration of all unresolved issues between the parties. Such an action may be instituted by the filing of a petition with the Governor for binding interest arbitration and for the appointment of an arbitrator. The Governor shall appoint an arbitrator who is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators or is approved by the American Arbitration Association within 30 days~~

~~of the petition.~~ The Governor's appointed arbitrator shall be a retired superior court judge, a retired Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, or a retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. ~~That~~ Such arbitrator shall decide ~~the~~ any issues remaining unresolved between the Authority and the authorized representative within 90 days after ~~said~~ the petition ~~shall be~~ is filed with the Governor. ~~That~~ The arbitrator's decision on ~~these~~ such issues shall bind both the Authority and the authorized representative. ~~That~~ The arbitrator may require the Authority and the authorized representative to provide ~~that arbitrator with~~ such information as the arbitrator determines to be necessary in resolving the issues.

~~(8)~~(5) In any interest arbitration under this subsection, the arbitrator shall be bound by any written stipulation or submission agreement between the Authority and the authorized representative concerning such determination. In determining any issue, the arbitrator shall also give weight ~~both to the report of the neutral fact finder and to~~ the following factors:

(A) The financial ability of the Authority to pay wages and provide benefits, whether or not increased, while adhering to all legal requirements governing the Authority's expenditure of public funds and revenues and maintaining levels of transit service sufficient to serve the metropolitan area;

(B) The amount, if any, of any fare increase which would be necessary to afford a wage or salary increase or improvement in fringe benefits or extension of vacation, holiday, or excused time and the ability of the public to bear a fare increase, with consideration of the per capita income of those persons in the service area;

(C) A comparison between the overall wage and salary levels and fringe benefit levels and vacation, holiday and excused time allowances of the Authority's represented employees and other workers in the public and private sectors of the metropolitan area who perform work requiring similar skills in other major ground transportation services;

(D) A comparison of the hours and working conditions of the Authority's represented employees and other workers in the public and private sectors of the metropolitan area who perform work requiring similar skills in other major ground transportation services; and

(E) The cost of consumer goods and services within the metropolitan area.

~~(9)~~(6) In the event that either party wishes to enforce the decision of the arbitrator, a petition for such enforcement must be filed within ninety (90) days of such decision. In odd numbered years, the petition must be filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County and directed to the ~~senior~~ judge ~~in time~~ with the greatest length of service in that court. In even numbered years, the petition must be filed in the Superior Court of DeKalb County and directed to the ~~senior~~ judge ~~in time~~ with the greatest length of service in that court. The court shall confirm the decision unless the decision is vacated by the court because the court finds that the rights of a party were prejudiced by:

(A) Corruption, fraud, or misconduct in procuring the decision;

(B) Partiality of an arbitrator appointed as a neutral;

(C) An overstepping by the ~~arbitrators of their~~ arbitrator of his or her authority or such imperfect execution of it that a final and definite decision upon the subject of such matter submitted was not made; or

(D) The arbitrator's manifest disregard for the law.

The judge's ruling in this enforcement proceeding shall bind the Authority and the authorized representative and there shall be no appeal from this decision.

~~(40)~~(7) Upon vacating a decision, the court may order a rehearing and determination of all or any of the issues either before the same arbitrator or before a new arbitrator appointed as provided by this part. In any provision of an agreement limiting the time for a hearing or decision, time shall be measured from the date of such order or rehearing, whichever is appropriate, or a time may be specified by the court.

~~(41)~~(8) No employee of the Authority shall engage in any strike, sit-down, slow-down, walkout, or other concerted cessation or curtailment of work, and no authorized representative of employees of the Authority shall cause, instigate, encourage, promote or condone any strike, sit-down, slow-down, walkout, or other concerted cessation or curtailment of work by any employee of the Authority. The Authority shall not unilaterally increase, decrease, or otherwise change the wages or fringe benefits of represented employees as of the last day of an expired contract pending the establishment of new wages and fringe benefits by negotiation or interest arbitration.

~~(42)~~(9) Subject to any requirement imposed pursuant to Section 13 (c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Authority at all times shall have the right to determine the method, means, and personnel by which its operations are to be carried on, including the right to hire part-time employees."

SECTION 11.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 21 as follows:

"(b) The Authority shall also be exempt from any regulation by the Public Service Commission of this State, ~~except as provided in Section 9(f) of this Act, and except~~ that when any proposed action of the Authority, or any local government on behalf of the Authority, may place a public utility, railroad or public service corporation in violation of the requirements of the Commission, or create the need for collaboration with respect to compliance with the requirements of the Commission, the Authority shall obtain the Commission's cooperation and approval of the proposed action. In such matters and particularly with respect to the matters contemplated in Section 8(j), the Commission shall cooperate with the Authority to accomplish the purposes and policies of this Act."

SECTION 12.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (I) of Section 25 as follows:

"(I) Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to this Act shall be used solely by each local government to fulfill the obligations incurred in the contracts entered into with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority as contemplated in the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965, as amended; provided, however, that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the annual proceeds of the tax shall

be used to subsidize the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection, until January 1, 2002. For the period beginning January 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2002; and for each fiscal year commencing thereafter until December 31, 2008, no more than fifty-five percent (55%) of the proceeds of the tax shall be used to subsidize the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection; and for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year commencing thereafter until July 1, 2032, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of the tax shall be used to subsidize the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection; Such restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from local sales and use taxes shall be suspended through June 30, 2016. Newly unrestricted funds shall be utilized, subject to total funding, to maintain the level of service for the transit system as it existed on January 1, 2010. Furthermore, except as had been previously contracted to by the Authority prior to January 1, 2010, no funds newly unrestricted during this suspended period shall be used by the Authority to benefit any person or other entity for any of the following: annual cost-of-living or merit based salary raises or increases in hourly wages; increased overtime due to such wage increases; payment of bonuses; or to increase the level of benefits of any kind. ~~except that if~~ If the Board of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority shall fail to file with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee annually, the original and 14 copies of a report of the findings of a completed management performance audit of the Authority's current operations, ~~which audit that~~ that was performed under contract with and at the expense of the Authority, along with any auditor's recommendations based thereon and the auditor's signed written verification that the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority fully cooperated with such audit and allowed access to all its books, records, and documents to the extent the auditor deemed necessary, then for the period beginning January 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year commencing thereafter until July 1, 2032, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of the tax shall be used to subsidize the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection. For each fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2032, no more than sixty percent (60%) of the annual proceeds of the tax shall be used to subsidize the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection; and commencing with July 1, 2032, and for every year thereafter, the proceeds of the tax shall not be used to subsidize operations of the transportation system to an extent greater than fifty percent (50%) of the operating costs of the system, exclusive of depreciation, amortization, and other costs and charges as provided in this subsection. In adopting its annual budget, the Board of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority shall be authorized to rely upon estimates of all revenues, operating costs, patronage, and other factors which may affect the amount of the fare required to limit the operating subsidy herein provided for. If the results of any year's operations reflect that the proceeds of the tax

were used to subsidize operations to an extent greater than herein provided, the Board shall adjust fares in order to make up the deficit in operations during a period of not to exceed three (3) succeeding years. If the results of operations in the Authority's fiscal year commencing July 1, 1980, or in any subsequent fiscal year reflect that the proceeds of the tax were not used to subsidize operations to the maximum extent herein provided, the Board shall reserve any amounts that could have been used to subsidize operations in that fiscal year and later use said reserved amounts and any interest earned on said reserved amounts to provide an additional subsidy for operations in any future fiscal year or years. The words 'operating costs of the system' for purposes of this subsection 25(I) are defined to include all of the costs of that division of the Authority directly involved and that portion of the nonoperating administrative costs of those divisions of the Authority indirectly involved, through the provision of support services, in providing mass transportation services for the metropolitan area, but exclusive of the costs of the division or divisions directly involved and that portion of the nonoperating administrative costs of those divisions indirectly involved, in the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of the rapid transit system, according to accepted principles of accounting, and also exclusive of the following costs:

(1) Nonrecurring costs and charges incurred in order to comply with any statute or regulation concerning either the protection or cleaning up of the environment, or accessibility by handicapped or disabled persons, or occupational health or safety, or compliance with any national or state emergencies, or with any judgment, decree, or order of any court or regulatory agency in implementation of any such statute or regulation; and

(2) In the case of leases of equipment or facilities that, according to generally accepted principles of accounting, would not be classified as capital leases, payments of rent, and other payments for the property subject to such leases or for the use thereof; provided that any costs for regular maintenance or repair of such equipment or facilities shall not be excluded.

If any proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to this Act are held for the purpose of planning, designing, acquiring, or constructing additional facilities or equipment for or improvements to the rapid transit system and are invested, then all interest earned from such investments shall be used only for such purposes or for paying the principal of or interest on bonds or certificates issued for such purposes. Commencing July 1, 1988, and until June 30, 2008, and only if expressly authorized by the board, interest earned on reserve funds set aside for rebuilding, repairing, or renovating facilities of the rapid transit system; for replacing, repairing, or renovating equipment or other capital assets thereof; or from the sale or other disposition of real property, may, without regard to the original source of the funds so reserved, be used to pay the operating costs of the system as such costs are defined in this subsection."

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2013.

SECTION 14.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gardner of the 57th moved that HB 264 be placed upon the table.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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

On the motion, the ayes were 56, nays 108.

The motion was lost.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

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

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Harbin	Y Meadows	N Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	N Morgan	E 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	E 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	E Thomas, B
N Bryant	N Evans	N Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
N Buckner	Y Fleming	E 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	N Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	N Fullerton	N Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E 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 passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 113, nays 57.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 265. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Lindsey of the 54th, Riley of the 50th, Geisinger of the 48th, Taylor of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass transportation, so as to repeal provisions relating to the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities; to repeal provisions relating to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass transportation, so as to repeal provisions relating to the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities; to repeal provisions relating to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass transportation, is amended by repealing in their entirety Code Sections 32-9-13 and 32-9-14, relating to the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities and the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, respectively.

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2013, only if an Act providing for the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and reconstituting the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is enacted at the 2013 regular session of the General Assembly. Otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed on June 1, 2013.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	E McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
E Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	Y Morgan	E 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	E Neal	Y Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
N Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
N Bennett	Y Drenner	N Holcomb	N Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Talton
N Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Tankersley
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tanner
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	Y 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
N Brooks	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	E Thomas, B
Y Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	E Jones, S	Y Ramsey	VACANT
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Fludd	Y Kaiser	Y Rice	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Frazier	Y Kelley	Y Riley	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frye	N Kendrick	Y Roberts	Y Welch
Y Carter	N Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
E Casas	Y Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	Y 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	Y Scott	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	Y Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Gordon	Y Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	N Martin	Y Shaw	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Maxwell	Y Sheldon	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Gregory	Y Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 156, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

HR 452. By Representative Holmes of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. G. Clisby Clarke and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 453. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Nashville Woman's Club on their 100th anniversary and inviting its members to be appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

HR 151. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Casas of the 107th, Dempsey of the 13th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carter of the 175th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending LaNette Holloman and inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 284. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Casas of the 107th, Carter of the 175th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jean-Yves Vendeville and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 415. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Willard of the 51st, Lindsey of the 54th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 17-23, 2013, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the capitol and inviting the Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 454. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION commending Chief Albert John Luthuli and recognizing February 21, 2013, as Chief Albert Luthuli Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- HR 455. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:
- A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the DeKalb Choral Guild upon the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- HR 456. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th and Frye of the 118th:
- A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James Robert Chambers, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- HR 457. By Representative Marin of the 96th:
- A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jong Ho Lee on his outstanding accomplishments; and for other purposes.
- HR 458. By Representative Allison of the 8th:
- A RESOLUTION commending Emma Garrison on her significant achievements; and for other purposes.
- HR 459. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:
- A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Ann Stringer Reins Cassady; and for other purposes.
- HR 460. By Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, Stephenson of the 90th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th and others:
- A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Eyvonne H. Whitman on her outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.
- HR 461. By Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, Stephenson of the 90th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th and others:
- A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Teresa L. Fry Brown on her outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.

HR 462. By Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, Stephenson of the 90th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry on her outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.

HR 463. By Representative Dudgeon of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of William Christopher Dannelly; and for other purposes.

HR 464. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jamie White Oglesby, Sr.; and for other purposes.

Representative Yates of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 188	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 204	Do Pass
HR 274	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Yates of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism 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 338 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Carter of the 175th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 287 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 296 Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 281 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Brockway of the 102nd
Vice-Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination 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 328 Do Pass
HB 329 Do Pass
HB 400 Do Pass

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

Representative Willard of the 51st 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 336 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willard of the 51st
Chairman

Representative Golick of the 40th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil 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 141 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 146 Do Pass
HB 349 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Golick of the 40th
Chairman

Representative Channell of the 120th 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 210 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Channell of the 120th
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 9:30 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 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.