

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Wednesday, March 13, 2013****Thirty-Third 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	Harbin	McCall	Smith, L
Alexander	Coomer	Harden	Meadows	E Smith, M
Allison	Cooper	Harrell	E Mitchell	Smith, R
Atwood	Dawkins-Haigler	Hatchett	E Morgan	Smyre
Ballinger	Deffenbaugh	Hawkins	Mosby	Spencer
Barr	Dempsey	E Henson	Murphy	Stephens, M
Battles	Dickerson	Hightower	Neal	Stephens, R
Beasley-Teague	Dickey	Hill	Nimmer	Stovall
Bell	Dickson	Hitchens	Nix	Stover
Bennett	Douglas	Holcomb	O'Neal	Strickland
Bentley	Drenner	Holmes	Pak	Talton
Benton	Dudgeon	Holt	Parrish	Tankersley
Beverly	Dukes	Houston	Parsons	Tanner
Black	Dunahoo	Howard	Peake	Taylor, T
Braddock	Duncan	Hugley	Pezold	Teasley
Broadrick	Dutton	Jackson	Powell, A	Thomas, A.M.
Brockway	England	Jasperse	E Powell, J	Thomas, B
Brooks	Epps, C	Jones, J	Pruett	Turner
Bruce	Epps, J	Jones, L	Quick	Waites
E Bryant	Evans	Jones, S	Ramsey	Watson, B
Buckner	Fleming	Kaiser	Randall	Watson, S
Burns	Frazier	Kelley	Riley	Welch
Caldwell, J	Frye	Kendrick	Roberts	Weldon
Caldwell, M	Gardner	Kidd	Rogers, C	E Wilkerson
Carson	Gasaway	Kirby	Rogers, T	Wilkinson
Carter	Geisinger	Knight	Rutledge	Willard
Casas	Glanton	Lindsey	Rynders	Williams, A
Chandler	Golick	Lumsden	Scott	Williams, C
Chapman	Gordon	Mabra	Sharper	Williams, E
Cheokas	Gravley	E Marin	Shaw	Williamson
Clark, J	Greene	Martin	Sheldon	Yates
Clark, V	Gregory	Maxwell	Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker
Coleman	Hamilton	Mayo	Smith, E	

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

Representatives Anderson of the 92nd, Dollar of the 45th, Floyd of the 99th, Fullerton of the 153rd, Jacobs of the 80th, Jordan of the 77th, Morris of the 156th, Oliver of the 82nd, Rice of the 95th, Stephenson of the 90th, and Taylor of the 173rd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Steve Hartman, Pastor, Kiokee Baptist Church, Appling, 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 Resolution of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 582. By Representatives Greene of the 151st, Neal of the 2nd and Dunahoo of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probation, so as to modify provisions related to the state-wide probation system and agreements for private probation services; to clarify that probation tolling provisions apply to private probation services; to provide for good faith immunity for private probation officers; 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 583. By Representative Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin to charge a technology fee for each civil case and criminal fine imposed; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 584. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Hawkins of the 27th and Allison of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 585. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Davisboro; 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 inquiries and investigations; to provide for oaths, organization, meetings, quorum, voting, rules, and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 586. By Representatives Black of the 174th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Kingsland; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of such districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 587. By Representative Bentley of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the Board of Education of Dooly County, approved April 6, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2922), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 588. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Golick of the 40th, Evans of the 42nd, Morgan of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4151), so as to change the compensation of the chief deputy sheriff, the assistant chief deputy, and the executive assistant to the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 589. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Washington County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4652), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4447), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 590. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new Board of Education for Polk County, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4985), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the Board of Education of Polk County; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 591. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Waites of the 60th, Mabra of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act repealing an Act creating a code of ethics and ethics commission for the Clayton County School System, approved April 24, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3616), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3869); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 592. By Representative Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Pierce County, approved August 15, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 210), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the judge and solicitor-general of the state court; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 593. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Washington County, approved August 20, 1913 (Ga. L. 1913, p. 452), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4454), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 594. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, Riley of the 50th, Dudgeon of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to completely and exhaustively revise, supersede, consolidate, and replace all of the laws and amendments thereto pertaining to the Fulton County Personnel Board and the Fulton County Merit System of Personnel Administration," approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4896), as amended, so as to provide a statement of authority; to define certain terms; to provide that all future employees of Fulton County other than public safety employees shall be unclassified; to provide for current classified employees; to provide that employees may be dismissed, demoted, or disciplined for any reason or no reason without notice, explanation, or appeal; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 595. By Representative Harrell of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to revise enforcement authority for the collection of taxes, fees, or assessments owed for local solid waste services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 596. By Representative Pruett of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reapportioning the election districts of the Board of Education of Telfair County, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5385), so as to redistrict the Board of Education of Telfair County; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members and the election of subsequent members; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 597. By Representative Pruett of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the General Assembly should enact legislation authorizing the City of Scotland to select its mayor and city councilmembers to serve for four-year terms; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for preclearance; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum and effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 598. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that Fulton County employees first or again employed on and after July 1, 2013, to serve the Superior Court of Fulton County, the Magistrate Court of Fulton County, or the State Court of Fulton County shall be employees at will; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 599. By Representatives Greene of the 151st, Dukes of the 154th and Fullerton of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Albany to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 600. By Representatives Powell of the 171st and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Bainbridge Public Facilities Authority; to provide for a short title and legislative findings; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 601. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Battles of the 15th, Weldon of the 3rd, Buckner of the 137th and Brooks of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia, so as to define certain terms; to restrict and repeal an automatic cost-of-living benefit increase; to provide for a portion of fines and forfeited bonds for criminal, quasi-criminal, and civil cases for violating state statutes or traffic laws be paid to the fund; to provide for a member contribution; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 602. By Representatives Cheokas of the 138th and Rynders of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Americus-Sumter County Land Bank Authority; to provide for its membership, terms of office, powers, duties, and authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 719. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. John Charles Birdine, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 568
 HB 570
 HB 572
 HB 574
 HB 576
 HB 578
 HB 580
 HR 702

HB 569
 HB 571
 HB 573
 HB 575
 HB 577
 HB 579
 HB 581

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 of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 76 Do Pass

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 115 Do Pass
SB 212 Do Pass

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

Representative Smith of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 140 Do Pass
SB 234 Do Pass
SB 236 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 134th
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 Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 330	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 496	Do Pass
HB 526	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 527	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 545	Do Pass	HB 548	Do Pass
HB 556	Do Pass	HB 557	Do Pass
HB 558	Do Pass	SB 201	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sims of the 169th
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 148	Do Pass	HR 453	Do Pass
HR 467	Do Pass	HR 468	Do Pass
HR 533	Do Pass		

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 House:

HB 154. By Representatives Hamilton of the 24th, Pruett of the 149th, Kirby of the 114th, Lindsey of the 54th, Fleming of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to change certain provisions relating to awards and benefits of workers' compensation; to provide for a limitation period on medical benefits; to provide for changes related to reimbursement of mileage charges; to provide for changes related to interest on lump sum payments of compensation; to provide for changes related to benefits for attempting work; to increase the compensation benefits for total disability and temporary partial disability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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.

HB 431. By Representative Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the City of Culloden in the County of Monroe, approved October 24, 1887 (Ga. L. 1886-87, Vol. II, p. 655), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4086), and an Act approved April 4, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5207), so as to provide for elections and terms of members of the city council; to change the election of councilmembers from district to at-large; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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.

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

HR 281. By Representatives Roberts of the 155th, Watson of the 172nd and Houston of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION providing that Tift County be so named in honor of the late Henry Harding Tift; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Sheldon of the 104th and Sims of the 169th.

Pursuant to HR 692, the House recognized March 13, 2013, as Civil Air Patrol Day at the capitol, commended the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia, and invited them to appear before the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 718, the House commended Commissioner Clinton Perry, Jr., and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 645, the House recognized and commended Dr. William James Daugherty and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Representative McCall of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 87	Do Pass
SB 97	Do Pass
SB 209	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ McCall of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative O`Neal of the 146th moved that the following Bills of the House and Senate be taken from the table:

HB 233. By Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Greene of the 151st and Fullerton of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Albany to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 273. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of Macon, approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for said court; to provide for the initial appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of office for the judges of said court; to provide for a chief judge of said court; to provide for the compensation of the judges of said court; to provide for the selection, terms of office, and compensation of the solicitor-general of said court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 470. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County, approved March 9, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 682), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9,

1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 750), and an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4099), so as to define a certain term; to provide for an award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 476. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a new charter for the City of Hinesville in the County of Liberty," approved March 10, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2604), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 514. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Peake of the 141st, Dickey of the 140th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the restructuring of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5595), so as to change provisions relative to initial budgets; to provide for the first 12 month budget; to provide for the terms of certain boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transition of membership and appointing authority; to provide for membership on the transition task force; to provide for a change in an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 541. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, Geisinger of the 48th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act 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 three-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.

SB 182. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hancock County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p.

4524), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 183. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate, having previously been read, were again taken up for consideration:

HB 233. By Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Greene of the 151st and Fullerton of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Albany to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; 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 470. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County, approved March 9, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 682), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 750), and an Act approved April 14, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4099), so as to define a certain term; to provide for an award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions; 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 476. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a new charter for the City of Hinesville in the County of Liberty," approved March 10, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2604), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; 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 514. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Peake of the 141st, Dickey of the 140th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the restructuring of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5595), so as to change provisions relative to initial budgets; to provide for the first 12 month budget; to provide for the terms of certain boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transition of membership and appointing authority; to provide for membership on the transition task force; to provide for a change in 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 541. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th, Geisinger of the 48th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act 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 three-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.

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

SB 182. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hancock County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4524), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 183. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, approved October 5, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 435), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of 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 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 Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 273. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of Macon, approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for said court; to provide for the initial appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of office for the judges of said court; to provide for a chief judge of said court; to provide for the compensation of the judges of said court; to provide for the selection, terms

of office, and compensation of the solicitor-general of said court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was again read:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of Macon, approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for said court; to provide for the initial appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of office for the judges of said court; to provide for a chief judge of said court; to provide for the compensation of the judges of said court; to provide for the selection, terms of office, and compensation of the solicitor-general of said court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County, formerly the City Court of Macon, approved August 14, 1885 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 470), as amended, is amended by revising Sections IV, V, and VI as follows:

"SECTION IV.

- (a) There shall be two full-time judges of the State Court of Bibb County who shall be selected as provided in this section.
- (b) The judge of the State Court of Bibb County in office on January 1, 2013, shall continue to serve the term of office to which said judge was elected until the election and qualification of a successor as provided by law.
- (c) The additional judge appointed as provided by this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning July 1, 2013, and expiring December 31, 2014, and until a successor is elected and qualified. A successor to the additional judge shall be elected in a manner provided by Code Section 21-2-138, of the O.C.G.A. for the election of judges of the state courts of this state in 2014 for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2015, and until the election and qualification of a successor. Future successors shall be elected each four years thereafter as provided by Code Section 21-2-138 of the O.C.G.A. for terms of four years and until the election and qualification of a successor. They shall take office on the first day of January following the date of the election. Such elections shall be held and conducted in a manner provided by law for the election of judges of the state courts of this state.
- (d) The judge of the State Court of Bibb County having the longest time in service as a judge of said court shall be the chief judge of the State Court of Bibb County. The

chief judge shall have responsibility for the administration of the operations of the State Court of Bibb County, including, but not limited to, appointment of the clerk, budgeting, scheduling, and the policies, rules, and standing orders of the State Court of Bibb County.

(e) The judges of the State Court of Bibb County shall receive as salary compensation an amount equal to 90 percent of the base salary paid to a judge in the superior courts by the state and, in addition, an amount equal to 90 percent of any county supplement paid to judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County. The chief judge of the State Court of Bibb County shall also be paid additional salary compensation in the amount of \$2,500.00. All of such compensation shall be paid from the funds of Bibb County and in like intervals and installments as salaries are paid to employees of Bibb County. In addition to the salary compensation provided for in this section, the governing authority of Bibb County shall pay on behalf of each judge of the State Court of Bibb County a sum equal to the contribution required for judges by the Georgia Judicial Retirement System created by Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION V.

The judges of the State Court of Bibb County shall have such qualifications, powers, and authority, and shall be subject to such restrictions and discipline, as provided by Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A. for state court judges in the State of Georgia.

SECTION VI.

The solicitor-general of the State Court of Bibb County shall have such qualifications, powers, and authority, and shall be selected, as provided for by law for solicitors-general in the State of Georgia. The solicitor-general of said court shall receive as compensation an amount equal to 76 percent of the salary of the judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County paid by the state, and, in addition, an amount equal to 76 percent of the amount of any county supplement paid to the judges of the Superior Court of Bibb County. All of such compensation shall be paid from the funds of Bibb County and in like intervals and installments as salaries are paid to employees of Bibb County."

SECTION 2.

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

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

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Hamilton	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	N Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	E Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	E 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	Y Neal	N Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
N Bell	N Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Holcomb	N Oliver	Y Stovall
N Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Stover
Y Benton	Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Strickland
N Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Talton
Y Black	Y Duncan	N Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	N Hugley	Y Peake	Y Tanner
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, D
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Taylor, T
N Brooks	N Epps, C	Y Jasperse	E Powell, J	Y Teasley
N Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	N Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	N Evans	N Jones, L	Y Quick	N Thomas, B
N Buckner	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	N Floyd	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	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
Y Casas	N Gardner	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gasaway	Y Knight	Rutledge	Y Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Geisinger	Y Lindsey	Y Rynders	Y Willard
Y Chapman	Y Glanton	Y Lumsden	N Scott	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Golick	N Mabra	Y Setzler	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	N Gordon	E 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 Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the ayes were 119, nays 51.

The Chair voted "aye."

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute, the ayes were 120, nays 51.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed, and the House has agreed to the Senate substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 535. By Representative Allison of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3878), so as to revise the composition of the board of directors; to revise the budget schedule; 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 542. By Representative Dutton of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Hagan, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4296), as amended, so as to change the description of the election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to 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 551. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Yates of the 73rd, Rutledge of the 109th, Stephenson of the 90th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the corporate limits of such city; 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.

HB 552. By Representatives Morris of the 156th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections for Appling County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting

Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide 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 553. By Representative Morris of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act repealing an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Montgomery County and creating a new board of commissioners, approved February 27, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2729), as amended, so as to provide for appointment of a county manager and the powers and duties thereof; 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.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Strickland of the 111th was excused from voting on HB 535, HB 542, HB 551, HB 552, and HB 553.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Welch of the 110th was excused from voting on HB 535, HB 542, HB 551, HB 552, and HB 553.

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	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	E Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harrell	E 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	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	Y Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Stover
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Strickland
Y Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Talton
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	Y Hugley	Y Peake	Y Tanner
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, D
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Taylor, T

Y Brooks	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	E Powell, J	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Evans	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, B
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	Y Jones, S	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Waites
Y Caldwell, J	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	Welch
Y Carter	Y Fullerton	Y Kidd	Y Rogers, C	Y Weldon
Y 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	E 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	Y Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

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

HB 330. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to conditionally repeal an Act providing for homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes for city purposes for residents of the City of Jonesboro, approved May 14, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5845), and to enact a new provision; to restate the amount of the homestead exemption as \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, specific conditional repeal, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To conditionally repeal an Act providing for homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes for city purposes for residents of the City of Jonesboro, approved May 14, 2002

(Ga. L. 2002, p. 5845), and to enact a new provision; to restate the amount of the homestead exemption for the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, specific conditional repeal, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Jonesboro except for taxes to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A.

(b) Each resident of the City of Jonesboro is granted an exemption on the assessed value of that person's homestead from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the following amounts:

(1) For tax year 2014, \$50,000.00;

(2) For tax year 2015, \$40,000.00;

(3) For tax year 2016, \$30,000.00;

(4) For tax year 2017, \$20,000.00;

(5) For tax year 2018 and all subsequent years, \$10,000.00.

The value of the property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

(c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless the person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro, or the designee thereof, giving such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro, or the designee thereof, to make a determination as to whether such owner is entitled to such exemption.

(d) The governing authority of the City of Jonesboro, or the designee thereof, shall provide affidavit and application forms for the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section which shall require such information as may be necessary to determine the initial and continuing eligibility of the owner for the exemption.

(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A. The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person has filed the proper application, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the

duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro, or the designee thereof, in the event that person for any reason becomes ineligible for that exemption.

(f) The exemption granted by this Act shall not apply to or affect state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

(h) In every year in which the homestead exemption is less than any preceding year, the City shall cause an advertisement to be placed in its legal organ at least 3 months prior to the issuance of tax bills stating that the homestead exemption for the then relevant tax year shall be \$10,000 less than the preceding tax year.

SECTION 2.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the municipal election superintendent of City of Jonesboro shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Jonesboro for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct that election on November 5, 2013, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Clayton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which lowers the homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes over a
 () NO period of five years to the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2014. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Jonesboro. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

If this Act is approved pursuant to the referendum held pursuant to Section 2 of this Act, then an Act providing for homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes for city purposes

for residents of the City of Jonesboro, approved May 14, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5485), shall stand repealed effective December 31, 2013.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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.

HB 496. By Representatives Allison of the 8th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority; 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 526. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority; to provide a short title; to provide a declaration of need; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide for a quorum and voting; to define certain terms; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide that indebtedness of the authority shall not constitute debt to the establishing local governments; to provide for venue of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for the purpose of the authority; to provide that the authority may establish rates and collect revenues for services; to provide for rules, regulations, and policies; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for exemptions from certain taxes; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To create the North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority; to provide a short title; to provide a declaration of need; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide for

a quorum and voting; to define certain terms; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide that indebtedness of the authority shall not constitute debt to the establishing local governments; to provide for venue of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for the purpose of the authority; to provide that the authority may establish rates and collect revenues for services; to provide for rules, regulations, and policies; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for exemptions from certain taxes; 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.

Short title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority Act."

SECTION 2.

Declaration of need.

It is declared that there exists a need for a North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority to function without profit in developing and promoting for the public good certain communication facilities and services in order to provide an interoperable, high quality, and reliable and uninterrupted communication signal for public safety and public services and for the other purposes expressed in this Act.

SECTION 3.

North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority.

(a) There is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority," which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the state and a public corporation, and by that name, style, and title said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in all courts of law and equity. The authority shall have perpetual existence.

(b) The authority shall consist of four members, to include the following: (1) the city manager of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, or his or her designee; (2) the city manager of the City of Milton, Georgia, or his or her designee; (3) the city administrator of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia, or his or her designee; (4) and the city administrator of the City of Roswell, Georgia, or his or her designee. Additional members who are city managers or city administrators of other municipalities, or their designees, may be added to the authority by unanimous agreement of the existing members, subject to such additional municipalities paying a share of capital investment as approved by the existing members, in which event such additional municipalities shall be included within the area

in which the authority has operational capability. To be eligible to serve as a member of the authority, a person shall be at least 21 years of age, shall have been a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to the date of his or her appointment and shall continue such residency during his or her term of office, and shall not have been convicted of a felony.

(c) The authority may provide by resolution for compensation for the services of the members of the authority in such amounts as it may deem appropriate; provided, however, that such members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

(d) The members of the authority shall elect one of their number as chairperson and another as vice chairperson. The chairperson shall preside over the regular and special meetings of the authority. In the event that the chairperson is not in attendance, the vice chairperson shall preside. The members of the authority shall also elect a secretary, and may also elect a treasurer, who need not be members of the authority. The secretary and treasurer shall not be the chairperson or vice chairperson. The secretary may also serve as treasurer. If either the secretary or the treasurer is not a member of the authority, such officer shall have no voting rights. Each of such officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

(e) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the authority. Any action which requires approval of the authority shall be by majority vote of those members present, provided that a quorum is present. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of each member who cast a vote on the question shall be weighted according to the share of total capital investment made in the authority by the municipality such member represents as compared to the total capital investment made by all municipalities represented by members of the authority, and the votes as so weighted shall be recalculated accordingly to determine the approval or failure of the motion.

SECTION 4.

Definitions.

As used in this Act, the term:

- (1) "Authority" means the North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority created by this Act.
- (2) "Capital investment" means the amount of funds contributed to the purchasing and installation of start-up equipment for the authority.
- (3) "Costs of the project" means and embraces the cost of construction; the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired; the cost of all machinery and equipment; financing charges; interest prior to and during construction and for six months after completion of construction; the cost of engineering, architectural, fiscal agents' and legal expenses, plans and specifications, licensing fees and costs, and other expenses necessary or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of the project; administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary

or incident to the financing herein authorized; working capital; and all other costs necessary to acquire, construct, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and maintain the project.

(4) "County" means any county created under the Constitution or laws of this state.

(5) "Establishing local governments" shall mean the mayors and councils of the Cities of Alpharetta, Milton, Roswell, and Sandy Springs, Georgia.

(6) "Local government" or "local governing authority" means any municipal corporation or county or any state or local authority, board, or political subdivision created by the General Assembly or pursuant to the Constitution and laws of this state.

(7) "Obligation" means any indebtedness, including, without limitation, any note, lease, contract, or other evidence of indebtedness.

(8) "Project" means the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, or rehabilitation of land, interest in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements and the acquisition, installation, modification, renovation, repair, extension, renewal, replacement, rehabilitation, or furnishing of fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, or other property of any nature whatsoever used on, in, or in connection with any such land, interest in land, building, structure, facility, or other improvement, all for the essential public purpose of providing facilities and services permitted by the obligation to meet needs and standards for radio communication for public safety and public services within the area of operational capability of the authority and to aid in the accomplishment of the purposes of the authority.

(9) "State" means the State of Georgia.

SECTION 5.

Powers.

The authority shall have the power:

(1) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;

(2) To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise and to hold, operate, maintain, lease, and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;

(3) To acquire in its own name by purchase, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, real property or rights or easements therein or franchises necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes, to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue, to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of the same, or to dispose of the same in any manner it deems to the best advantage of the authority;

(4) To appoint, select, and employ officers, agents, and employees, including engineering, architectural, and construction experts, fiscal agents, and attorneys, and fix their compensations;

- (5) To execute contracts, leases, installment sale agreements, and other agreements and instruments necessary or convenient in connection with the acquisition, construction, addition, extension, improvement, equipping, operation, or maintenance of a project; and any and all persons, firms and corporations, local governments, and any other political subdivision of the state located within the operational area of the authority are hereby authorized to enter into contracts, leases, installment sale agreements, and other agreements or instruments with the authority upon such terms and for such purposes as they deem advisable and as they are authorized by law;
- (6) To acquire, construct, add to, extend, improve, equip, hold, operate, maintain, lease, and dispose of projects;
- (7) To pay the costs of the project with the proceeds of any grant or contribution from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from the state or any agency or instrumentality or other political subdivision thereof or from any other source whatsoever;
- (8) To finance projects and facilities of the authority for the furtherance of the purposes of the authority within the geographic area over which the authority has operational capability by loan, loan guarantee, grant, lease, or otherwise and to pay the cost of such from any funds of the authority or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of which the authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use. The authority shall be deemed to have operational capability within the geographic boundaries of each establishing local government as well as within the geographic boundaries of any local government that subsequently becomes a member of the authority or contracts for services with the authority;
- (9) To sell or pledge any obligation acquired by it whenever it is determined by the authority that the sale thereof is desirable;
- (10) To accept loans and grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof, upon such terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or instrumentality may require;
- (11) To accept loans and grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the state or any agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, upon such terms and conditions as the state or such agency or instrumentality or political subdivision may require;
- (12) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;
- (13) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority, including the power to incur short-term debt and to approve, execute, and deliver appropriate evidence of any such indebtedness; and
- (14) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly given in this Act.

SECTION 6.

Credit not pledged.

Obligations of the authority shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the establishing local governments nor a pledge of the faith and credit of said establishing local governments. The issuance of such obligations shall not directly, indirectly, or contingently obligate said establishing local governments to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatsoever for payment of such obligations or to make any appropriation for their payment, and all such obligations shall contain recitals on their face covering substantially the foregoing provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, this Act shall not affect the ability of the authority and any political subdivision or municipality to enter into an intergovernmental contract pursuant to which the political subdivision or municipality agrees to pay amounts sufficient to pay operating charges and other costs of the authority or any project including, without limitation, the principal of and interest on obligations in consideration for services or facilities of the authority.

SECTION 7.

Venue.

Any action to protect or enforce any rights under the provisions of this Act or any suit or action against the authority shall be brought in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

SECTION 8.

Moneys received considered trust funds.

All moneys received pursuant to the authority of this Act, whether as grants or other contributions, or as revenue, income, fees, and earnings, shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this Act.

SECTION 9.

Purpose of the authority.

Without limiting the generality of any provision of this Act, the general purpose of the authority is declared to be that of providing for the development of a regional communication system for public safety and public service use to guarantee interoperability, high quality, and reliable and uninterrupted communication signals through facilities, equipment, and services for the establishing local governments by contract, including other persons, entities, and local governments who may hereinafter contract and agree for services from the authority. The general purposes of the authority shall not restrict the authority from developing and servicing any persons, entities, or local governments who may contract for the authority to develop communication services

or facilities, or both, in other areas where operational capacity is deemed necessary or desirable.

SECTION 10.

Rates, charges, and revenues; use.

The authority is hereby authorized to prescribe and fix rates and to revise the same from time to time and to collect revenues, tolls, fees, and charges for the services, facilities, and commodities furnished, and in anticipation of the collection of the revenues, to incur indebtedness as herein provided to finance, in whole or in part, the costs of the project.

SECTION 11.

Rules, regulations, service policies, and procedures for operation of projects.

It shall be the duty of the authority to prescribe or cause to be prescribed rules, regulations, service policies, and procedures for the operation of any project constructed or acquired under the provisions of this Act. The authority may adopt bylaws.

SECTION 12.

Tort immunity.

To the extent otherwise permitted by law, the authority shall have the same immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence as a political subdivision of the state; and the officers, agents, and employees of the authority when in the performance of the work of the authority shall have the same immunity and exemption from liability for torts and negligence as the officers, agents, and employees of a political subdivision of the state when in the performance of their public duties or work for a political subdivision of this state.

SECTION 13.

Tax-exempt status of authority.

The properties of the authority, both real and personal, are declared to be public properties used for the benefit and welfare of the people of the state and not for purposes of private or corporate benefit and income, and such properties and the authority shall be exempt from taxes and special assessments of the state or any political subdivision thereof to the extent allowed by general law.

SECTION 14.

Effect on other governments.

This Act shall not and does not in any way take from the establishing local governments or any political subdivision of the state the authority to own, operate, and maintain public facilities or to issue obligations.

SECTION 15.

Liberal construction of Act.

This Act, being for the welfare of various political subdivisions of the state and their inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

SECTION 16.

Effective date.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

SECTION 17.

Repealer.

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

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

HB 527. By Representatives Jones of the 47th and Hill of the 22nd:

To be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Milton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3554), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4283), so as to clarify the cap on the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; to revise the term limits on the mayor and city council; to provide that the affirmative vote of five councilmembers shall be required to override a veto; to provide for the selection and term of a mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; 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 an Act to incorporate the City of Milton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3554), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4283), so as to clarify the cap on the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; to revise the term limits on the mayor and city council; to

provide that the affirmative vote of five councilmembers shall be required to override a veto; to provide for the selection and term of a mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to incorporate the City of Milton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3554), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4283), is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(40)(A) of Section 1.12 as follows:

"(A) For all years, the millage rate imposed for ad valorem taxes on real property for operating budget purposes shall not exceed 4.731 unless a higher limit is recommended by resolution of the city council and approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the city voting in a referendum; provided, however, that for the purposes of compliance with Code Section 48-8-91 of the O.C.G.A., the millage rate may be adjusted upward for the sole purpose of complying with the millage rate rollback provisions set forth therein. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'qualified voters' means those voters of the city who are qualified to vote in city elections and cast a vote for or against such measure in such referendum. The question to be presented to the voters in the referendum on increasing the millage rate shall be 'Do you approve increasing taxes on residential and nonresidential property for City of Milton property owners by raising from [current millage rate] to [proposed millage rate] the operating budget millage rate, which was capped in the original charter for the city?' If such millage rate increase is approved by the qualified voters of the City of Milton voting in the referendum, the new rate shall become the maximum limit until changed again by resolution of the city council and approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Milton voting in a referendum;"

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 2.10 as follows:

- "(c)(1) The mayor shall be limited to serving three full, consecutive four-year terms of office.
- (2) Councilmembers shall be limited to serving three full, consecutive terms of office.
- (3) Persons who serve terms of less than four years as a result of being elected to an initial term of office under subsection (d) of Section 2.11 of this charter or who fill an unexpired term shall not be considered to have served a full term of office for the purposes of this subsection."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 3.21 as follows:

"(c) An ordinance vetoed by the mayor shall automatically be on the agenda at the next regular meeting of the city council for reconsideration. If the minimum number of councilmembers necessary to vote to override the veto are not present, the action may be continued until the next meeting at which such minimum number of councilmembers are present. The city council may override a veto by the mayor and adopt any ordinance that has been vetoed by the mayor by the affirmative votes of at least five councilmembers, not including the mayor."

SECTION 4.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3.29 as follows:

"SECTION 3.29.

Selection of mayor pro tempore.

There shall be a mayor pro tempore elected from among the councilmembers by the city council at the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The mayor pro tempore serving on the effective date of this Act shall serve until the first regular meeting of the city council in 2014, at which time a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. All subsequent successors shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the city council in each calendar year to serve until the first regular meeting of the city council in the immediately following calendar year. The mayor pro tempore shall continue to vote and otherwise participate as a councilmember. A vacancy in the position of mayor pro tempore resulting from the mayor pro tempore ceasing to serve as a councilmember or from any other cause shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original election."

SECTION 5.

Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 6.11 as follows:

"(b) For all years, the millage rate imposed for ad valorem taxes on real property shall not exceed 4.731 unless a higher millage rate is recommended by resolution of the city council and subsequently approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the city voting in a referendum. For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified voters' means those voters of the city who are qualified to vote in city elections and cast a vote for or against such measure in such referendum. This millage rate limit shall apply to the millage rate actually levied and shall not apply to the hypothetical millage rate computed under subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-91 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conditions on imposition of the joint county and municipal sales tax."

SECTION 6.

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.

HB 545. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Glanton of the 75th, Waites of the 60th, Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Metropolitan Atlanta Aerotropolis Development Authority; to authorize such authority to undertake such activities necessary to effect the creation of economic development in the metropolitan Atlanta area; to define relevant terms; to provide that bonds be validated as authorized by Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law"; to provide for intergovernmental contracts; to provide for the creation of the Metropolitan Atlanta Aerotropolis Development Authority Project Revolving Fund; to provide for local government participation in the authority; to provide for venue of legal actions; 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.

HB 548. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 3023), so as to to change the description of the wards; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to 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 556. 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 Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, to impose and collect a technology fee for each fine imposed; to

specify the uses to which said technology fees may be put; to provide for automatic repeal; 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 557. By Representative McCall of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Danielsville, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3632), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3714), so as to provide for staggered, four-year terms for the mayor and council; to provide that the city clerk may serve as the city treasurer; to provide that the municipal judge shall be a licensed attorney; to provide that the office of elected officials of the city shall be vacated under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; 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 558. By Representative McCall of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Colbert, approved February 14, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2417), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3909), so as to provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for the mayor and 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.

SB 201. By Senators Gooch of the 51st and Allison of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from White County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$25,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a

referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; 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	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harden	E Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y 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	Y Henson	Y Murphy	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Hightower	Y Neal	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hill	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
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 Stover
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Strickland
Y Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Talton
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	Hugley	Y Peake	Y Tanner
Y Broadrick	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Taylor, D
Y Brockway	Y England	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Taylor, T
Y Brooks	Y Epps, C	Y Jasperse	E Powell, J	Teasley
N Bruce	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, J	Y Pruett	Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Evans	N Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, B
Y Buckner	Y Fleming	N Jones, S	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Floyd	Y Jordan	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	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
Y 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	Gordon	E Marin	Y Sharper	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravelly	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 Bills, the ayes were 164, nays 3.

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

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

HR 718. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Tankersley of the 160th, Riley of the 50th and Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending Commissioner Clinton Perry, Jr., and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 720. By Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Johnson High School boys basketball team on their 2013 GHSA Class AAA State Championship win and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 721. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ms. Willietta Grant on winning the 2013 Miss Columbus competition and inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 722. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Marin of the 96th, Williamson of the 115th, Hamilton of the 24th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2013, as Boy Scout Day at the capitol and inviting a designee from each council of the Georgia Councils of the Boy Scouts of America to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

HR 718 Do Pass

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

HR 148. By Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, Fludd of the 64th and Mabra of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating the McIntosh High School Lady Chiefs soccer team of Fayette County for winning the Class AAAAA State Championship and inviting them to be recognized by 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.

HR 467. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Harden of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Bleckley/Pulaski Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2012 Southern Unit of the Year and inviting its members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 468. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Epps of the 132nd, Ramsey of the 72nd and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Coweta-Fayette-South Fulton County Forestry Unit on being named the State Forestry Commission 2012 Northern Unit of the Year and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 533. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Williams of the 119th, Nimmer of the 178th, Epps of the 144th, Fleming of the 121st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Oconee District on being named the State Forestry Commission 2012 District of the Year and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 718. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Tankersley of the 160th, Riley of the 50th and Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending Commissioner Clinton Perry, Jr., and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 723. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st and Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Democratic Women's Council of Douglas County; and for other purposes.

HR 724. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st and Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Douglas County Democratic Party; and for other purposes.

HR 725. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th and Harbin of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Representative Nikki Randall on being named the Citizen of the Year by the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 726. By Representative Nimmer of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierce County Flea All-Star girls basketball team on winning the 2012-2013 Georgia Recreation and Park Association state basketball tournament; and for other purposes.

HR 727. By Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Cooper of the 43rd, Wilkinson of the 52nd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the fine nurses and staff of Visiting Nurse Health System and celebrating their day at the capitol on March 12, 2013; and for other purposes.

HR 728. By Representative Sims of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Claire Birdsong; and for other purposes.

HR 729. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of Georgia 2012-2013 Allstars Competitive Cheerleading team on their National Championship victory; and for other purposes.

HR 730. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Cooke of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Brian Ridley on being named the 2013 Georgia Middle School Principal of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 731. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Cooke of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Nurse Martha Lang on being named the LPN School Nurse of the Year by the Georgia Association of School Nurses; and for other purposes.

HR 732. By Representatives O'Neal of the 146th and Clark of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending QT Kitchens and the QuikTrip Corporation; and for other purposes.

HR 733. By Representative Kidd of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Jacob L. Goldstein; and for other purposes.

HR 734. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st and Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kelli Racynne Rowsey; and for other purposes.

HR 735. By Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Smith of the 41st, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III's 20th anniversary at the church; and for other purposes.

HR 736. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Watson of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Clark of the 101st, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 21, 2013, as Georgia Surgeons' Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 737. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Watson of the 166th and Clark of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 12-18, 2013, as Nursing Home Week at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.