

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Wednesday, February 4, 2015****Eleventh 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	Coomer	Harden	Meadows	Smith, L
Alexander	Cooper	Harrell	Mitchell	Smith, M
Allison	Corbett	Hatchett	Morris	Smith, R
Anderson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hawkins	Nimmer	Smyre
Atwood	Deffenbaugh	Henson	Nix	Spencer
Ballinger	Dempsey	Hightower	O'Neal	Stephens, M
E Barr	Dickerson	Hitchens	Pak	Stephens, R
Battles	Dickey	Holcomb	Parrish	E Stephenson
Beasley-Teague	Dickson	Holmes	Parsons	Stovall
E Bell	Douglas	Houston	E Peake	Stover
Belton	Drenner	Howard	Petrea	Strickland
Bennett	Dudgeon	Jackson	Pezold	Tankersley
Bentley	Dukes	Jasperse	Powell, A	Tanner
Benton	Dunahoo	Jones, J	Powell, J	Tarvin
Beskin	Duncan	Jones, J.B.	Prince	Taylor, D
Broadrick	Ealum	Jones, L	Pruett	Teasley
Brockway	Efstration	Jones, S	Quick	Thomas, E
Brooks	Ehrhart	E Jordan	Rakestraw	Trammell
Bruce	England	Kaiser	Ramsey	Turner
Bryant	Epps	Kelley	Randall	Waites
Buckner	Evans	Kendrick	Reeves	Watson
Burns	Fleming	Kidd	Rice	Welch
Caldwell, J	Frazier	Kirby	Roberts	E Weldon
Caldwell, M	Frye	Knight	Rogers, C	Werkheiser
Cantrell	Gardner	LaRiccica	Rogers, T	Wilkerson
Carson	Gasaway	Lumsden	Rutledge	Wilkinson
Carter	Geisinger	Mabra	Rynders	Willard
Chandler	Glanton	Marin	Scott	Williams, A
Cheokas	Golick	Martin	E Setzler	Williams, C
Clark, D	Gordon	Maxwell	Sharper	Williams, E
Clark, H	Gravley	Mayo	Shaw	Williamson
Clark, V	Hamilton	McCall	Sims	Yates
Coleman	Harbin	McClain	Smith, E	Ralston, Speaker
Cooke				

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

Representatives Beverly of the 143rd, Casas of the 107th, Floyd of the 99th, Fludd of the 64th, Greene of the 151st, Hugley of the 136th, Jacobs of the 80th, Mosby of the 83rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Taylor of the 79th, and Thomas of the 56th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Houston Anderson, Senior Pastor, Stronghold Christian Church East, Eatonton, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, 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 of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 12. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Yates of the 73rd, Meadows of the 5th, Holcomb of the 81st, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to establish the criminal offense of fraudulent representation of military service; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 199. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Nimmer of the 178th, Shaw of the 176th, Epps of the 144th, Carter of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to timber harvesting and removal requirements, so as to require notice of timber harvesting only in an approved form; to provide that one bond shall be required for each county; to provide that no county may require an administrative fee for receiving a notice of timber harvesting; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 200. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Kaiser of the 59th and Rice of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an income tax credit for low-emission vehicles, so as to change the amount of the credit for electric vehicle chargers; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 201. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Drenner of the 85th, Hugley of the 136th and Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to telephone system for the physically impaired, so as to change certain provisions relating to the establishment, administration, and operation of the state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service; to change certain legislative findings and declarations; to eliminate the prohibition as to the distribution of telecommunications equipment under telecommunications equipment distribution program based on a certain income level; to provide that wireless devices and applications may be distributed as part of the telecommunications equipment distribution program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 202. By Representatives Battles of the 15th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Jasperse of the 11th, Taylor of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for the comprehensive revision of provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, assessment, and appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 203. By Representatives Williams of the 119th and Quick of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Bishop; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; 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 204. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Pak of the 108th, Caldwell of the 131st, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Civil Practice Act," so as to change provisions relating to when opposing affidavits shall be served in motions for summary judgment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 205. By Representative Rice of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses, so as to require a driver who refused blood alcohol concentration testing as required by implied consent laws or an offender convicted of DUI with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 grams or higher to install and maintain ignition interlock devices on his or her vehicle; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for the probation of terms of imprisonment for DUI offenders in certain instances; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to ignition interlock devices as condition of probation, so as to provide for the court issuance of a certificate of

installation of ignition interlock devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 206. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Rutledge of the 109th and Holcomb of the 81st:

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 for procedure for passing sanitation vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 207. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Pak of the 108th, Caldwell of the 131st, Quick of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change provisions relating to when a judge, judicial officer, grand juror, or trial juror may be disqualified from presiding or serving, as applicable, due to being related by consanguinity or affinity to a party; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 208. By Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Caldwell of the 20th, Turner of the 21st, Battles of the 15th, Cantrell of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to eliminate the state income tax; to increase the rate of tax on the retail purchase, retail sale, rental, storage, use, or consumption of certain tangible property and on certain services; to provide for a sales tax rebate; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for conforming changes with respect to certain tax ceilings, imposition of taxes, collection from dealers, disposition of certain excess taxes, compensation of dealers for reporting and paying taxes, and payment of taxes by certain contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 209. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Teasley of the 37th, Casas of the 107th, Evans of the 42nd, Stovall of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise the prior school year attendance requirement to the prior semester; to revise provisions relating to notification of parents of eligible students as to scholarship options; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 210. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Mayo of the 84th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rice of the 95th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the dissemination of certain information by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for participation in an anatomical gift donation program when obtaining a personal identification card through the department; to provide for the designation of such participation on personal identification cards; to provide for the dissemination of identifying information for applicants making such election; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the option of a voluntary contribution from applicants of personal identification cards to prevent blindness and preserve sight; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 211. By Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Harden of the 148th, Gravley of the 67th, Stephens of the 164th, Weldon of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions relating to Schedules I, III, and IV controlled substances; to change certain provisions relating to the definition of "dangerous drug"; to revise provisions relating to labeling prescription containers of dangerous drugs; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 212. By Representatives Weldon of the 3rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Broadrick of the 4th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- HB 213. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Roberts of the 155th, Smyre of the 135th, Geisinger of the 48th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a permanent suspension of restrictions on the use of sales and use tax proceeds upon the submission of an independent management audit to certain officials; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

- HB 214. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Geisinger of the 48th, Mitchell of the 88th, Taylor of the 79th, Gardner of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for the restoration of voting privileges to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation until 2017; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

- HB 215. By Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Mayo of the 84th, Mosby of the 83rd, Taylor of the 79th, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for an additional exemption to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes which

may be levied by a political subdivision; to provide for a revised distribution of the proceeds from the levy of an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for the levy of a special purpose local options sales and use tax in certain counties; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 216. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Watson of the 172nd, Waites of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to compensation for occupational diseases, so as to define certain terms; to provide for a rebuttable presumption that certain medical conditions suffered by firefighters are occupational diseases; to provide for applicability; to provide for benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 217. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Bentley of the 139th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investments and real estate investments, so as to authorize public retirement systems to invest in mutual funds, commingled funds, collective investment funds, common trusts, and group trusts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

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

HB 30	HB 181
HB 182	HB 183
HB 184	HB 185
HB 186	HB 187
HB 188	HB 189
HB 190	HB 191
HB 192	HB 193

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HB 197

Representative Benton of the 31st District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 86 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Benton of the 31st
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 2. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that a student who completes certain requirements relating to postsecondary coursework may be awarded a high school diploma; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 2. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that a student who completes certain requirements relating to postsecondary coursework may be awarded a high school diploma; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Kirby of the 114th.

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

HR 216. By Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, O'Neal of the 146th, Abrams of the 89th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Will Crain, Michael Crofton, Julie Doss, Brooke Hasfjord, John Kirkland, Shannon Laffey, and Jennifer Maddox for being chosen to participate in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 217. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Abrams of the 89th, Jones of the 53rd, Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

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

HR 218. By Representative Meadows of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Calhoun High School Lady Jackets softball team on winning the 2014 GHSA Class AAA State Championship, commending Coach Diane Smith on her continued reputation of excellence, and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 219. By Representative Meadows of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Calhoun High School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2014 AAA State Championship Title and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 220. By Representative Meadows of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Calhoun High School football team for winning the 2014 AAA State Championship and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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 110	Do Pass	HR 198	Do Pass
HR 199	Do Pass	HR 218	Do Pass
HR 219	Do Pass	HR 220	Do Pass

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

HR 110. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Holmes of the 129th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Georgia College & State University's quasiquicentennial, recognizing February 10, 2015, as Georgia College & State University Day at the state capitol, and inviting Georgia College President, Steve Dorman, to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 198. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Fludd of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th, Thomas of the 56th, Brooks of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Willie Bolden on the active role he played in the Civil Rights Movement and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 199. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Fludd of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th, Thomas of the 56th, Brooks of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Lonnie C. King, Jr., for the extraordinary part he played in the Civil Rights Movement and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 218. By Representative Meadows of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Calhoun High School Lady Jackets softball team on winning the 2014 GHSA Class AAA State Championship, commending Coach Diane Smith on her continued reputation of excellence, and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 221. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Sims of the 123rd, Drenner of the 85th, Dempsey of the 13th and Bennett of the 94th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Wednesday, February 25, 2015, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 222. By Representatives Kaiser of the 59th and Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Atlanta Public Schools System on achieving LEED certification for the Lakewood Stadium, Therrell High School, and Benjamin E. Mays High School projects; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to HR 74, the House commended Georgia State University, recognized February 4, 2015, as Georgia State University Day at the state capitol, and invited the Georgia State University Student Government Association to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 11 having arrived, the Senate appeared upon the floor of the House and the Joint Session, convened for the purpose of hearing an address from the Honorable Hugh P. Thompson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was called to order by the Speaker of the House, David Ralston.

The Resolution calling for the Joint Session was read.

The Honorable Hugh P. Thompson appeared upon the floor of the House and addressed the Joint Session.

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker of the House, David Ralston, announced the Joint Session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 9, 2015, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 9, 2015.