

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia****Thursday, March 19, 2015****Thirty-Second 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	Corbett	Harden	Mitchell	E Smith, M
Alexander	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hatchett	Morris	Smith, R
Allison	Deffenbaugh	Hawkins	Nimmer	Smyre
Anderson	Dempsey	E Henson	Nix	Spencer
Atwood	Dickerson	Hightower	O'Neal	Stephens, M
Ballinger	Dickey	Hitchens	Pak	Stephens, R
Barr	Dickson	Holcomb	Parrish	E Stephenson
Battles	Dollar	Holmes	Parsons	Stovall
E Beasley-Teague	Douglas	Howard	Peake	Stover
Bell	Drenner	Hugley	Petrea	Strickland
Belton	Dudgeon	Jackson	Pezold	Tankersley
Bennett	Dukes	E Jacobs	Powell, A	Tanner
Bentley	Dunahoo	Jaspere	Powell, J	Tarvin
Benton	Duncan	Jones, J	Prince	Taylor, D
Beskin	Ealum	Jones, J.B.	Pruett	Taylor, T
Broadrick	Efstration	E Jones, L	Quick	Teasley
Brockway	Ehrhart	Jones, S	Raffensperger	Thomas, A.M.
Brooks	England	E Jordan	Rakestraw	Trammell
Buckner	Epps	Kaiser	Ramsey	Turner
Burns	Evans	Kelley	Randall	Waites
Caldwell, J	Fleming	Kendrick	Reeves	Watson
Caldwell, M	Fludd	Kidd	Rhodes	Welch
Cantrell	Frazier	Kirby	Roberts	Weldon
Carson	Frye	Knight	Rogers, C	Werkheiser
Carter	Gardner	LaRiccica	Rogers, T	Wilkerson
Chandler	Gasaway	Lumsden	Rutledge	E Wilkinson
Cheokas	Glanton	Mabra	Rynders	Willard
Clark, D	Golick	Marin	Scott	Williams, A
Clark, H	Gordon	Martin	Sharper	Williams, C
Clark, V	Gravley	Maxwell	Shaw	Williams, E
Coleman	Greene	Mayo	Sims	Williamson
E Cooke	Hamilton	McCall	Smith, E	Yates
Coomer	Harbin	E McClain	Smith, L	Ralston, Speaker
Cooper				

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

Representatives Beverly of the 143rd, Bryant of the 162nd, Casas of the 107th, Geisinger of the 48th, Harrell of the 106th, Houston of the 170th, Meadows of the 5th, Mosby of the 83rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Rice of the 95th, and Thomas of the 39th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Edward Bolen, Senior Pastor, Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, 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.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Suite 401  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 13, 2015

Subject: House Bill 230

Dear Clerk of the House,

With regard to House Bill 230 in the 2015 legislative session, I would like to formally register my vote of "Yea". I was in my seat on the floor of the House for the vote, but had inadvertently ejected my voting card from the card port, causing my "Yea" vote to not register electronically. It was only after the voting machines were locked that I realized that my vote had not been electronically counted. I would appreciate the office of the Clerk recording my "Yea" vote on this bill. Although imperfect, HB-230 establishes a Beyond a Reasonable Doubt standard of proof that must be demonstrated before a claim can be paid by the State of Georgia. It also provides a framework that fair recovery can be made via the Appropriations process for Georgians who have been wrongly imprisoned

I urge you to contact me at through my administrative assistant Rebecca Hammock in 401 Capitol at 404-656-7857 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very Respectfully,

/s/ Ed Setzler  
Representative, District 35  
Chairman, Science & Technology

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

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

HB 618. By Representative Dukes of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the chairperson and members of the Seminole County Board of Education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 619. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 620. By Representative Harden of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of judge of the Probate Court of Crisp County shall be nonpartisan elections; 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.

HB 621. By Representative Harden of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate of Crisp County shall be nonpartisan elections; 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.

HB 622. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 9 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Law," so as to revise the short title; to revise the legislative purpose; to revise a definition; to revise certain general powers of the authority; to revise the statement of public purpose of the authority; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to change references to the short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 623. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, 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 known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), as amended, so as to revise the powers of the authority; to provide for the ability to operate a storm water utility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 624. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 37 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurers rehabilitation and liquidation, so as to provide for federal home loan bank rights regarding

collateral pledged by an insurer-member subject to a delinquency proceeding; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain limitations for a receiver to void transfer of certain property in connection with any federal home loan bank security agreement; to provide for transfer avoidance under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 625. By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Quick of the 117th and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4743), so as to provide for the authority of the superintendent to purchase supplies, hire labor, and make repairs to facilities and to solicit and receive proposals for the purchase of professional services; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 626. By Representative Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lakeland; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; 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 627. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Battles of the 15th, Caldwell of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Setzler of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority, approved April 22, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4827); to provide for the assets thereof; to provide for severability and applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 628. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Geisinger of the 48th, Dollar of the 45th 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 two-year phase-in period; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 629. By Representative Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum and contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 630. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Dollar of the 45th, Geisinger of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$30,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a two-year phase in for certain residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older; 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.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 685. By Representatives Waites of the 60th, Thomas of the 56th, Scott of the 76th and Stovall of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION requesting the Congress of the United States to pass legislation restoring the deep cuts to mental health services, research, special education, and supportive housing for children and adults living with mental illness; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 686. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Barr of the 103rd, Turner of the 21st, Petrea of the 166th, Rutledge of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to enact broad and permanent tax reform in 2015 so as to create a tax system that is simpler, flatter, and fairer; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 687. By Representative Brooks of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Beverly Hall; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended in order that the following Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 635. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

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, so as to increase the number of years of mandatory contribution to such fund; to increase the maximum number of years used to calculate benefits; to provide for certain creditable service; to provide for application and payment of funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

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

HB 610  
HB 612

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HB 614	HB 615
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HR 5	HR 650
HR 651	HR 652
HR 653	HR 654
HR 688	SB 36
SB 63	SB 82
SB 109	SB 122
SB 126	SB 127
SB 130	SB 138
SB 141	SB 143
SB 145	SB 154
SB 160	SB 169
SB 176	SB 185
SB 190	SB 191
SB 194	SB 203
SR 26	SR 114
SR 126	SR 282
SR 441	

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

Representative Tankersley of the 160th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 589	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 594	Do Pass
HB 597	Do Pass	HB 598	Do Pass
HB 599	Do Pass	HB 600	Do Pass
HB 601	Do Pass	HB 602	Do Pass
HB 603	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Tankersley of the 160th  
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 72	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 79	Do Pass
SB 94	Do Pass, by Substitute

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 601	Do Pass	HR 613	Do Pass
HR 620	Do Pass	SB 119	Do Pass

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

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 32nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

**Open Rule**

None

**Modified Open Rule**

HR 302 Congress of the United States; enact significant reforms to nation's federally financed graduate medical education programs and to provide states with additional resources to meet the health workforce needs of the future; urge (H&HS-Parrish-158th)

**Modified Structured Rule**

HR 474 House Study Committee on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Kinship Care; create (HumR-Abrams-89th)(AM 33 1537)

**Structured Rule**

None

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

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

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

HB 589. By Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Reeves of the 34th 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 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to provide for related matters; 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 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 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act 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 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732), is amended by revising Section 2A as follows:

"SECTION 2A.

The judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County shall receive an annual salary of \$133,055.02, to be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County."

**SECTION 2.**

Said Act is further amended by revising the second sentence of Section 3 as follows:

"The clerk of the probate court shall be compensated in the amount of \$88,484.12 per annum, payable in equal monthly installments from the funds of Cobb County."

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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 594. By Representative Kidd of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Baldwin County 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 597. By Representatives Holcomb of the 81st, Oliver of the 82nd, Jacobs of the 80th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), an Act approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3900), and an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6137), so as to change the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; 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 598. By Representatives Holcomb of the 81st, Oliver of the 82nd, Jacobs of the 80th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), and an Act approved May 23, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4073), so as to provide for the manner of purchasing by DeKalb County; to provide for procedures and limitations; to provide for certain disclosures and publications; 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 599. By Representatives Holcomb of the 81st, Oliver of the 82nd, Jacobs of the 80th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), so as to provide for

independent internal audits for DeKalb County; to provide for procedures, policies, and limitations; to provide for certain reports; to provide for funding; to provide for oversight; 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 600. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Cooper of the 43rd, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3723), so as to revise the compensation of the solicitor-general of Cobb County; 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 601. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Cooke of the 18th, Nix of the 69th and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a method of distribution of the net proceeds of the sales tax for education purposes levied in Carroll County; to provide for the method of distribution of the net proceeds of such tax among the Carroll County School District and the independent school districts located wholly or partially within Carroll County, including particularly the Carrollton Independent School System and the Bremen Public School System; to provide for authority under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution; 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 602. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Dollar of the 45th, Martin of the 49th, Jacobs of the 80th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009

(Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4982), and an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4026), so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; 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 603. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Dollar of the 45th, Martin of the 49th, Jacobs of the 80th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), so as to revise disability pension benefit eligibility for new plan members in certain instances; to provide an offset of disability benefits by any workers' compensation indemnity benefits related to loss of income for new plan members; to limit the effect of workers' compensation or similar laws on the plan; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date 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 Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Corbett	Harrell	Morris	E Smith, M
Y Anderson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatcher	Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	E Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	E Stephenson
Y Bell	Y Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stover
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Tanner

Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efrstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Teasley
Y Brooks	Y Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Epps	E Jordan	Y Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccia	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Y Yates
E Cooke	Y Hamilton	E McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 156, nays 0.

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

House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 19, 2015

Mr. Bill Reilly, Clerk  
Georgia House of Representatives  
309 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request that I be recorded as voting no to HB 600 – "Cobb County; State Court; revise compensation of solicitor-general" on the local calendar today.

Thank you,

/s/ Rich Golick  
State Representative  
District 40

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 bills of the Senate:

SB 211. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the county officers of McDuffie County on an annual salary, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2568), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3899), so as to change the annual salary of the coroner of McDuffie County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 212. By Senator Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Leslie; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 499. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Williams of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Annual FNB South Community Golf Classic Tournament; and for other purposes.

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

HB 254. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Spencer of the 180th, Shaw of the 176th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6055), and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3814), so as to rename the police court as the municipal court and provide new provisions for the operation of

that court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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.

HB 517. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the board of education of Echols County, approved April 10, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3514), so as to provide that the members of the board of education shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 523. By Representative Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 533. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, approved February 13, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 778), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3630), so as to change the compensation of the chairperson and other members of the board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 545. By Representative Rynders of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Sumner," approved August 9, 1883 (Ga. L. 1882-83, p. 291), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4331), so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for serving officers; to provide for elections; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 546. By Representative Jones of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of elections and registration for McIntosh County," approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4171), so as to provide that the board shall consist of five members; to provide for appointment; to provide for terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 550. By Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Fleming of the 121st, Jackson of the 128th and Prince of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Burke County Economic Development Authority, approved February 13, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4120); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HR 103. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Stover of the 71st, Turner of the 21st, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing December 10 as Georgia's Day of Coding; and for other purposes.

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

SB 211. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the county officers of McDuffie County on an annual salary, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2568), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3899), so as to change the annual salary of the coroner of McDuffie County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 212. By Senator Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Leslie; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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

Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Kidd of the 145th, Jones of the 62nd, Coleman of the 97th, Taylor of the 79th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Ballinger of the 23rd et al., Chandler of the 105th, and Epps of the 144th.

Pursuant to HR 643, the House commended Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, founder of The Ludacris Foundation, and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to HR 216, the House commended 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 invited them to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

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

HR 302. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Ralston of the 7th, O'Neal of the 146th, Abrams of the 89th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to enact significant reforms to the nation's federally financed graduate medical education programs and to provide states with additional resources to meet the health workforce needs of the future; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

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

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

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 157, nays 2.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HR 474. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 136th and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Kinship Care; and for other purposes.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Abrams of the 89th offers the following amendment:

*Amend HR 474 (LC 33 6036) by striking lines 17 through 22 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the House of Representatives, including the Minority Leader, and the remaining six members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At least three of the members shall be from the minority party including the Minority Leader. The Speaker shall designate one of the members as chairperson of the committee.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, as amended.

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

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Corbett	Y Harrell	Y Morris	E Smith, M
Y Anderson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatcher	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	E Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Y Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	E Stephenson
Y Bell	Y Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Stover
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tanner
Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	Jaspense	Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efrstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	Y Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Y Epps	E Jordan	Y Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccica	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C

Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Hamilton	E McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, as amended, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, as amended.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HB 16. By Representative Prince of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain programs and activities under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that no high school which receives funding under Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, the "Quality Basic Education Act," shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic sports events conducted by any athletic association unless the association allows students enrolled in magnet schools to tryout for and participate on athletic teams of their resident school under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HR 708. By Representatives Pak of the 108th, O'Neal of the 146th and Abrams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring January 13, 2016, as Korean American Day at the State Capitol and inviting Korean American dignitaries to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 709. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Evans of the 42nd, Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 53rd, Dollar of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the McEachern High School Lady Indians Basketball Team for their excellent performance at the Class AAAAAA State Championship game 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 689     Do Pass  
HR 690     Do Pass

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

HR 689.     By Representatives Setzler of the 35th and Reeves of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION commending the North Cobb High School Lady Warrior volleyball team for winning the 2014 Class 6A GHSA State Championship and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 690.     By Representatives McClain of the 100th, Ralston of the 7th, Rogers of the 10th, Abrams of the 89th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Henry Nobis, Jr., the first player drafted during the inaugural season for the Atlanta Falcons in 1966, and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House and Senate were read and adopted:

HR 710.     By Representative Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 30, 2015, as Vietnam Remembrance Day; and for other purposes.

HR 711.     By Representative Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the contributions of Georgia Haitian Americans and recognizing March 31, 2015, as Georgia Haitian Americans Legislative Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 712.     By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Parrish of the 158th, Bennett of the 94th, Stephens of the 164th and Williams of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kaiser Permanente on the occasion of its 30th anniversary in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 713. By Representatives Sims of the 123rd, Howard of the 124th and Frazier of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION commending Clymonteen Livingston Jones for outstanding public service to her community; and for other purposes.

HR 714. By Representative Roberts of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Irwin County Women's tennis team on winning the Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 715. By Representative Roberts of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Irwin County Senior 4-H Poultry Judging Team; and for other purposes.

HR 716. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION commending Mayor Adolph McLendon for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Richland and Stewart County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 717. By Representatives Fludd of the 64th and Mabra of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Christian City on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 718. By Representative Pruett of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ms. Bertie Mae Conley Teal on the grand occasion of her 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 719. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th and Reeves of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION commending the North Cobb High School Lady Warrior volleyball team for winning the 2014 Class 6A GHSA State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 720. By Representative Hatchett of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jasper "Jake" Webb and Bill Padgett; and for other purposes.

HR 721. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Coleman of the 97th, Harrell of the 106th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Jaxon Coker Bagwell; and for other purposes.

HR 722. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Scott of the 76th, Brooks of the 55th, Anderson of the 92nd and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Marie Lomax Douglas; and for other purposes.

HR 723. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Prince of the 127th, Scott of the 76th, Brooks of the 55th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION commending Tony T. Yarbrough upon the wonderful occasion of his promotion; and for other purposes.

SR 499. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Williams of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Annual FNB South Community Golf Classic Tournament; and for other purposes.

Representative Willard of the 51st moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

SB 138. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Jackson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social service; to repeal a provision relating to the Council for Welfare Administration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

Representative Burns of the 159th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks 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 62      Do Pass  
SB 112     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Burns of the 159th  
Chairman

Representative Hamilton of the 24th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor 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 88      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Hamilton of the 24th  
Chairman

Representative Sims of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 419     Do Pass  
SR 266     Do Pass, by Substitute  
SR 267     Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Sims of the 123rd  
Chairman

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.