

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 2, 2015

Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

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

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

Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Bruce of the 61st, Jacobs of the 80th, Mayo of the 84th, Pruett of the 149th, Smyre of the 135th, and Weldon of the 3rd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend John E. Morse, Pastor, Pleasant Grove AME Church, Hinesville, 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 and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 165. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Fludd of the 64th, Jones of the 62nd, Mabra of the 63rd, Brooks of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County; to provide for a charter for the City of South Fulton; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Fulton County to the City of South Fulton; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- HB 166. By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Powell of the 32nd, Harbin of the 122nd and Smith of the 125th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for the safe operation of a lightweight motorcycle or motor vehicle through an inoperative traffic-control signal; to repeal certain provisions relating to handlebars; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

- HB 167. By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Belton of the 112th, Kidd of the 145th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of income taxes, so as to provide that retirement income received as retirement benefits from service in the armed forces of the United States shall not be subject to state income tax; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 168. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Brooks of the 55th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-12-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of court bailiffs and expense allowance for trial and grand jurors, so as to increase the maximum compensation allowable for trial and grand jurors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 169. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Turner of the 21st, Ehrhart of the 36th, Kelley of the 16th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and license requirements, so as to provide for a temporary operating permit when a vehicle fails to pass

federal emissions standards and certain conditions have been satisfied; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 170. By Representatives Roberts of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Hamilton of the 24th, England of the 116th, Stover of the 71st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for additional revenue necessary for funding transportation purposes in this state; to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Governor, so as to limit the Governor's power to suspend the collection of certain motor fuel taxes and require ratification by the General Assembly; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Act," so as to provide new criteria for determination of eligible projects by the Transportation Infrastructure Bank; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 171. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Atwood of the 179th, Allison of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to laws and statutes, so as to revise provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws; to provide that no court, arbitration panel, administrative agency, or other tribunal shall enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Georgia Constitution; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to change provisions relating to forum non conveniens; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to venue, so as to provide for a cross-reference; 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.

HB 172. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Caldwell of the 131st, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to revise the types of vessels that are applicable to the operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, toxic vapors, or drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 173. By Representatives Jones of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Fludd of the 64th and Quick of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-14-162.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notice of sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, so as to provide for the inclusion of a conspicuous statement regarding the accrual of fines, fees, and taxes on the notice of foreclosure proceedings sent to a debtor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 174. By Representatives Jones of the 62nd, Bruce of the 61st, Gravley of the 67th, Hightower of the 68th and Alexander of the 66th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Urban Redevelopment Law," so as to include blighted areas; to modernize terminology; to provide for the use of surface transportation projects in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 175. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Maxwell of the 17th, Welch of the 110th, Gravley of the 67th, Rakestraw of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use taxes, so as to change the exemption from such taxes for certain jet fuel; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 176. By Representative Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to include more vehicles in the definition of low-emission vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 177. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Willard of the 51st, Chandler of the 105th, Oliver of the 82nd, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse and deprivation records, so as to provide that certain school personnel who are required to report child abuse shall be notified upon receipt of such report and upon completion of its investigation; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

HB 178. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Atwood of the 179th, Bryant of the 162nd, Parrish of the 158th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 52-2-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of the Georgia Ports Authority, so as to reassert the power of the Georgia Ports Authority to comply with the terms of certain authorized agreements with the federal government, including terms providing for indemnification; to state the constitutional authority under which this Act is enacted; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 179. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Weldon of the 3rd, Hatchett of the 150th and Sims of the 123rd:

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 180. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Epps of the 144th, Yates of the 73rd, Sharper of the 177th and Peake of the 141st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the War Veterans' Home, so as to revise residency requirements to qualify for admission to the War Veterans' Home; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HR 126. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Henson of the 86th, Gardner of the 57th and Brooks of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to reverse the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 127. By Representatives Allison of the 8th, Cooke of the 18th, Pezold of the 133rd, Stover of the 71st, Brockway of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the prioritized expenditure of excess state revenues, including income tax relief, in the event of a budget surplus; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations on appropriations from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to provide for the authority of the General Assembly with respect to the foregoing; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB 20	HB 36
HB 130	HB 131
HB 132	HB 133
HB 134	HB 135
HB 136	HB 137
HB 138	HB 139
HB 140	HB 141
HB 142	HB 143
HB 144	HB 145
HB 146	HB 147
HB 148	HB 149
HB 150	HB 151
HB 152	HB 153
HB 154	HB 155
HB 156	HB 157
HB 158	HB 159
HB 160	HB 161
HB 162	HB 163
HB 164	HR 104
HR 105	HR 106

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 1. By Senators Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-59.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance coverage for autism, so as to provide for certain insurance coverage of autism spectrum disorders; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for premium cap and other conditions; to provide for applicability; 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 Senate:

SR 106. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Miller of the 49th, Parent of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.; and for other purposes.

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

SB 1. By Senators Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-59.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance coverage for autism, so as to provide for certain insurance coverage of autism spectrum disorders; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for premium cap and other conditions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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

Representatives Rogers of the 10th et al., Hightower of the 68th et al., Kidd of the 145th, Nix of the 69th et al., and Willard of the 51st.

Pursuant to HR 108, the House commended Maya Austin and invited her to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 134, the House recognized the week of February 2-6, 2015, as National School Counseling Week and invited Jennifer Diaz, Stacey Miller, Gail Smith, Dr. Myrel Seigler, and Julie Hartline to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

The following Resolution of the House was read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

HR 174. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Teasley of the 37th, Dollar of the 45th, Beskin of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 17, 2015, as the Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia) Day at the Capitol, offering best wishes for the success of the BOMA Georgia Foundation, and

inviting members 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 130 Do Pass
HR 131 Do Pass
HR 132 Do Pass

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

HR 130. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Ralston of the 7th, Cheokas of the 138th, Rakestraw of the 19th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 11, 2015, as Civil Air Patrol Day at the capitol, commending the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia, and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 131. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Tanner of the 9th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd and Dunahoo of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cadet Jonathan Chase Strickland of the University of North Georgia and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 132. By Representatives England of the 116th, Quick of the 117th, Kirby of the 114th and Benton of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Bethlehem Christian Academy Knights' Baseball Team and inviting them 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 175. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Ryan M. Friedrich; and for other purposes.

HR 176. By Representative Waites of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION commending Coach Michael Reddick of South Atlanta High School; and for other purposes

HR 177. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Gravley of the 67th, Epps of the 144th, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 3, 2015, as the 43rd annual Firefighters Recognition Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 178. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Harrell of the 106th, Pak of the 108th, Holcomb of the 81st, Golick of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 3, 2015, as Catholic Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 179. By Representatives Mabra of the 63rd, Fludd of the 64th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Yates of the 73rd and Stover of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Robert Jordan; and for other purposes.

HR 180. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Dickey of the 140th and McCall of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of William Lee Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 181. By Representatives Howard of the 124th, Sims of the 123rd, Smith of the 125th and Frazier of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing January 26, 2015, as Augusta's Interfaith Coalition Day at the capitol; and for other purposes

HR 182. By Representatives Howard of the 124th, Sims of the 123rd, Smith of the 125th and Frazier of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION commending Bishop Rosa L. Williams on the occasion of her 40th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 183. By Representatives Howard of the 124th, Sims of the 123rd, Smith of the 125th and Frazier of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. H. Kelly McKnight; and for other purposes.

HR 184. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th and Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Delores Felder; and for other purposes.

HR 185. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Mayor Ralph Owens; and for other purposes.

HR 186. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brigadier General Eugene Phillips; and for other purposes.

HR 187. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending REACH Georgia for its contributions to education and recognizing February 6, 2015, as REACH Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 188. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Gasaway of the 28th and Meadows of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Corporal Craig Fulghum of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division on being named Ranger of the Year for Region II; and for other purposes.

HR 189. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Carter of the 175th and Shaw of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION commending Julie Doss for being chosen as part of Team USA to compete in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games; and for other purposes.

HR 190. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd and Rogers of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION commending Will Crain for being chosen as part of Team USA to compete in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games; and for other purposes.

HR 191. By Representative Efstoration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating the Hebron Christian Academy volleyball team for winning the Class A volleyball championship; and for other purposes.

HR 192. By Representative Efstoration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending Caroline Hinton for her superlative scholastic endeavors and amazing athletic accomplishments and congratulating her for being named the 2014 Georgia Lottery Scholar-Athlete of the Year; and for other purposes

HR 193. By Representative Efstoration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending Richard Holland for the contributions he has made to the education of Georgia's children and congratulating him on receiving the "Partner in Education" award; and for other purposes.

HR 194. By Representative Efstoration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending Boy Scout Troop 597 for the scouts' lifesaving actions on December 20, 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 195. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Roger Sinyard, outstanding Georgia citizen, upon the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 196. By Representative Golick of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sam R. Whitfield for being named Smyrna Citizen of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 197. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 107th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Caldwell of the 20th, Turner of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Tim Cavender upon his induction into the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

SR 106. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Miller of the 49th, Parent of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Eston Wycliffe "Wyc" Orr, Sr.; and for other purposes.

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

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