

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**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	Cooke	Greene	McClain	Smith, E
Alexander	Coomer	Harden	Meadows	Smith, L
Allison	Cooper	Harrell	Metze	Smith, M
Atwood	Corbett	Hatchett	Mitchell	Smith, R
Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hawkins	Nimmer	Spencer
Barr	Deffenbaugh	E Henson	Nix	Stephens, R
Battles	Dempsey	Hightower	Oliver	Stovall
Beasley-Teague	Dickerson	Hitchens	Pak	Stover
Belton	Dickey	Holcomb	Parrish	Strickland
Bennett, K	Dickson	Holmes	Parsons	Tankersley
Bennett, T	Dollar	Houston	Peake	Tanner
Bentley	Douglas	Hugley	Petrea	Tarvin
Benton	Drenner	Jackson	Pezold	Taylor, D
Beskin	Dudgeon	Jasperse	Powell, A	E Taylor, T
Beverly	Dukes	Jones, J	Powell, J	Teasley
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jones, J.B.	Price	Thomas, A.M.
Broadrick	Duncan	Jones, L	Prince	Thomas, E
Brockway	Ealum	E Jones, S	Quick	Trammell
Bruce	Efstration	Kaiser	Raffensperger	Turner
Bryant	Ehrhart	Kelley	Rakestraw	Waites
Buckner	England	Kendrick	Ramsey	Watson
Caldwell, J	Epps	Kidd	Reeves	Welch
Caldwell, M	Evans	Kirby	Rhodes	Weldon
Cantrell	Fleming	Knight	Rice	Werkheiser
Carson	Fludd	LaRiccica	Rogers, C	Wilkerson
Carter, D	Frazier	Lott	Rogers, T	Wilkinson
Casas	Frye	Lumsden	E Rutledge	Willard
Chandler	Gardner	Mabra	Rynders	Williams, A
Cheokas	Gasaway	Marin	Scott	Williams, C
Clark, D	Gilligan	Martin	Sharper	Williams, E
Clark, H	Glanton	Maxwell	Shaw	Williamson
Clark, V	Gordon	Mayo	Sims	Ralston, Speaker
E Coleman	Gravley	McCall		

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Yates of the 73rd was not recorded on the attendance roll call. He wished to be recorded as present.

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

Representatives Burns of the 159th, Carter of the 175th, Floyd of the 99th, Golick of the 40th, Jordan of the 77th, Mosby of the 83rd, Pirkle of the 155th, Pruett of the 149th, Randall of the 142nd, Setzler of the 35th, Smyre of the 135th, and Stephenson of the 90th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Buck Burch, Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church of Ellijay.

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 838. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Meadows of the 5th, Epps of the 144th, Rhodes of the 120th, Smith of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance general provisions, so as to

provide that carriers that sell certain health insurance plans in this state through an agent shall compensate such agent a minimum of 5 percent of the collected premiums; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 839. By Representatives Hatchett of the 150th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a charter for the City of East Dublin, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4645), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4402), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 840. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, McCall of the 33rd, Greene of the 151st, Parrish of the 158th and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 12 and Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources and game and fish, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations; to authorize the grant of wildlife exhibition permits for use by the film industry; 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 Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 841. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Randall of the 142nd, Gardner of the 57th, McClain of the 100th, Waites of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to require that printed information on firearm safety be given to each applicant for a weapons carry license or renewal license; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain buyers of firearms receive from the seller printed information on firearm safety; to require a website on firearm safety by the commissioner of public safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 842. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 and Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fireworks and general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, respectively, so as to distinguish between consumer fireworks retail sales facilities and consumer fireworks retail sales stands; to revise definitions; to provide for the sale of consumer fireworks from temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facilities; to provide for licensing for a distributor selling consumer fireworks from a temporary consumer fireworks retail sales facility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 843. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Jones of the 62nd, Oliver of the 82nd, Abrams of the 89th, Kendrick of the 93rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law Regulations, so as to provide for a background check for guns purchased at gun shows; to provide for definitions; to provide that only dealers may legally sell, transfer, or exchange a firearm at a gun show; to provide 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 844. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Jasperse of the 11th, Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 151st, Rakestraw of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, so as to update certain provisions related to determining which insurance premiums are subject to taxation related to the fund; to provide that venue for any action brought in the superior court against the fund or the board shall be in the superior court of the board's county of domicile; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

- HB 845. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Reeves of the 34th and Golick of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse, so as to provide for immunity from criminal liability for possession of certain materials or images under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 846. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Welch of the 110th, Strickland of the 111th, Rutledge of the 109th and Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to revise requirements for notification of crime victims of impending release of an offender from imprisonment; to revise requirements for notification of projected release dates of inmates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 847. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Willard of the 51st, Golick of the 40th, Thomas of the 39th, Cooper of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to fraud and related offenses and general provisions relative to public assistance, respectively, so as to redesignate Code Section 49-4-15, relating to fraud in obtaining public assistance, food stamps, or Medicaid, penalties, and recovery of overpayments, as new Code Section 16-9-63; to revise terminology in said Code Section 16-9-63; to reserve the Code Section 49-4-15 designation; to revise Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 and Chapter 7A of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to benefits relative to employment security and tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 848. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Kelley of the 16th, Belton of the 112th, Fleming of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to establish the Blue Star Family Scholarship Program for children of military service members; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and requirements; to provide for management of accounts; to provide for participating schools; to provide for responsibilities of parents; to provide for duties of the Office of Student Achievement in administering the program; 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.

HB 849. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Smyre of the 135th, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to protect the right to equal enjoyment of and privileges to public accommodations; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for penalties; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair employment practices, so as to expand the functions of the administrator of the Commission on Equal Opportunity; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 850. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th, Kaiser of the 59th, Carter of the 92nd, Smith of the 125th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for election day voter registration and voting; to provide for procedures and methods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 851. By Representative Atwood of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law libraries, so as to require

an annual audit of the financial affairs, books, and records of boards of trustees of the county law library; to provide for publication of such audit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 852. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hawkins of the 27th, Abrams of the 89th, Gardner of the 57th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide that active duty service members with family members with special needs may use their state of legal residence to register their family members with special needs for a Medicaid waiver to include military families transitioning out of military service; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB 853. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 43rd, Beverly of the 143rd, Weldon of the 3rd, Randall of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Coverdell-Murphy Act," so as to update the current system of levels of certified stroke centers to reflect advances in stroke treatment and therapy; to authorize the Department of Public Health to establish additional levels; to provide for national certification; to provide for rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HR 963. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kendrick of the 93rd and Mayo of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide procedures and standards for legislative and congressional reapportionment; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment.

HR 1160. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kendrick of the 93rd and Mayo of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that legislative, congressional, and Public Service Commission reapportionment be done by an independent, nonpartisan commission instead of the General Assembly; to provide for the establishment of such commission; to provide for the qualifications and appointment of members of such commission; to provide for the filling of vacancies on the commission; to provide for powers, duties, and responsibilities of and resources for such commission; to provide for guidelines for reapportionment; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment.

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

HB 716	HB 828
HB 829	HB 830
HB 831	HB 832
HB 833	HB 834
HB 835	HB 836
HB 837	HR 1136
HR 1159	

Representative England of the 116th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations 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 750 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ England of the 116th  
Chairman

Representative Knight of the 130th 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 Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 483      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Knight of the 130th  
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 43rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 509	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 588	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 649	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 780	Do Pass

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

Representative Rogers of the 29th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education 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 801      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rogers of the 29th  
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 593 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

Representative Setzler of the 35th District, Chairman of the Committee on Science & Technology, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Science & Technology 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 126 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Setzler of the 35th  
Chairman

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

Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 32nd, Price of the 48th, Smith of the 125th, Bentley of the 139th et al., and Waites of the 60th.

Pursuant to HR 1061, the House recognized January 27th, 2016, as Civil Air Patrol Day at the state capitol and commended the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1180. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th and Coleman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2016, as Math Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1181. By Representative Dudgeon of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Daniel Bird; and for other purposes.

HR 1182. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Trammell of the 132nd, Carter of the 92nd and Smith of the 125th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 16, 2016, as Literacy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1183. By Representative Kendrick of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and recognizing January 29, 2016, as Upsilon Alpha Omega Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1184. By Representatives Kendrick of the 93rd and Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys' (GABWA) 35th Anniversary and January 28, 2016, as the annual Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1185. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending Bishop Aaron B. Lackey, Sr., and recognizing October 6, 2016, as Aaron B. Lackey, Sr. Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1186. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Williams of the 168th and Williams of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. J. David Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1187. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Scott of the 76th, Chandler of the 105th, Yates of the 73rd, Parrish of the 158th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing July 14, 2016, as Older Citizens Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1188. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Abrams of the 89th, Harden of the 148th, England of the 116th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly among other programs that cultivate youth civic engagement and recognizing the important work that the YMCA does in communities across Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1189. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Bobby Wayne "Bob" Lewis, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1190. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Brockway of the 102nd, Cantrell of the 22nd, Mabra of the 63rd, Bennett of the 80th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the student leaders of the Georgia Institute of Technology and recognizing February 1, 2016, as Georgia Tech Student Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1191. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Harden of the 148th, Dickey of the 140th, Clark of the 147th, Epps of the 144th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant General Lee K. Levy II; and for other purposes.

HR 1192. By Representative Ramsey of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Arisha Ali upon being honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1193. By Representative Ramsey of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Madeline Hervey upon being honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and for other purposes.

HR 1194. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Reeves of the 34th, Holcomb of the 81st, Brockway of the 102nd, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Ms. Paris Rouzati; and for other purposes.

HR 1195. By Representatives Gilligan of the 24th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Duncan of the 26th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Reva Mae Brown Jennings; and for other purposes.

HR 1196. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Abrams of the 89th, Bentley of the 139th, Howard of the 124th, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated, and recognizing February 24, 2016, as Links Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1197. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Chandler of the 105th, Rice of the 95th, Clark of the 101st, Marin of the 96th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Duluth High School men's varsity soccer team for their victorious performance in the 2015 State Championship; and for other purposes.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 968 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 President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle.

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.

Senator Shafer of the 48th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved and the motion prevailed.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, announced the Joint Session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Burns of the 159th 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.