

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Tuesday, February 2, 2016****Fourteenth 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	Coleman	Gravley	Meadows	Sims
Alexander	Cooke	Greene	Metze	Smith, E
Allison	Coomer	Harden	Mitchell	Smith, L
Atwood	Cooper	Harrell	Morris	Smith, M
Ballinger	Corbett	Hatchett	Nimmer	Smith, R
Barr	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hawkins	Nix	Smyre
Battles	Deffenbaugh	Henson	Oliver	Spencer
E Beasley-Teague	Dempsey	Hightower	Pak	Stephens, M
Belton	Dickerson	Hitchens	Parrish	Stephens, R
Bennett, K	Dickey	Holcomb	Parsons	Stovall
Bennett, T	Dickson	Holmes	Peake	Stover
E Bentley	Dollar	Houston	E Petrea	Strickland
Benton	Douglas	Hugley	Pezold	Tankersley
Beskin	Drenner	Jackson	Pirkle	Tanner
Beverly	Dudgeon	Jasperse	Powell, A	Tarvin
Blackmon	Dukes	Jones, J	Powell, J	Taylor, D
Broadrick	Dunahoo	Jones, L	Price	E Taylor, T
Brockway	Duncan	Jones, S	Prince	Thomas, A.M.
Bruce	Ealum	E Jordan	Pruett	Thomas, E
E Bryant	Efstration	Kaiser	Quick	Trammell
Buckner	Ehrhart	Kelley	Raffensperger	Turner
Burns	England	Kendrick	Rakestraw	E Waites
Caldwell, J	Epps	Kidd	Ramsey	Watson
Caldwell, M	Evans	Knight	Randall	Werkheiser
Cantrell	Fleming	LaRiccica	Reeves	Wilkerson
Carson	E Floyd	Lott	Rhodes	Wilkinson
Carter, A	Fludd	Lumsden	Rice	Willard
Carter, D	Frazier	Mabra	Rogers, C	Williams, A
E Casas	Frye	Marin	Rogers, T	Williams, C
Chandler	Gardner	Martin	Rutledge	Williams, E
Cheokas	Gasaway	Maxwell	Rynders	Williamson
Clark, D	Gilligan	Mayo	Scott	Yates
E Clark, H	Glanton	McCall	Sharper	Ralston, Speaker
Clark, V	Gordon	McClain	Shaw	

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

Representatives Howard of the 124th, Jones of the 167th, Kirby of the 114th, Mosby of the 83rd, Setzler of the 35th, Stephenson of the 90th, Welch of the 110th, and Weldon of the 3rd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Father John Stefero, Presiding President, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Macon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

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

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

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

HB 879. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Reeves of the 34th, Stephens of the 164th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary educational programs, so as to provide for the issuance of a seal of biliteracy for high school graduates who have achieved a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing one or more languages in addition to English; to provide for criteria; to provide for participation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 880. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of St. Marys, Georgia, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4763), as amended, so as to provide for the manner of election of the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 881. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Fleming of the 121st, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 82nd, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adoption, so as to substantially revise the general provisions applicable to adoptions; to change the requirements for adopting children; to provide for adoption of foreign-born children; to provide for a waiver to withdraw a surrender of rights; to change the age for individuals to access the Adoption Reunion Registry; to revise and provide for forms; to provide for the annulment of an adoption under certain circumstances; to amend Code Section 15-11-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to termination of parental rights, so as to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

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

HB 865	HB 866
HB 867	HB 868
HB 869	HB 870
HB 871	HB 872
HB 873	HB 874
HB 875	HB 876
HB 877	HB 878
HR 1198	HR 1199
HR 1200	SB 263

Representative Rice of the 95th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles 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 747 Do Pass
HB 767 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rice of the 95th
Chairman

Representative Pruett of the 149th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs 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 219 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Pruett of the 149th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 279. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Dugan of the 30th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to include the commissioner of juvenile justice and the commissioner of natural resources as voting members of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 279. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Dugan of the 30th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to include the commissioner of juvenile justice and the commissioner of natural resources as voting members of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

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

Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Watson of the 172nd, Brockway of the 102nd, Stovall of the 74th, Greene of the 151st et al., Chandler of the 105th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Setzler of the 35th, and Thomas of the 56th.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

Representatives Bennett of the 94th and Golick of the 40th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1233. By Representative Dollar of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steve Pokowitz; and for other purposes.

HR 1234. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Watson of the 172nd and Carter of the 175th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and recognizing February 5, 2016, as National Wear Red Day; and for other purposes.

HR 1235. By Representative Golick of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing that dyslexia has a profound impact on education and all aspects of life; and for other purposes.

HR 1236. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Willard of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Maurice J. "Buddy" Towery; and for other purposes.

HR 1237. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Price of the 48th, Hawkins of the 27th, Clark of the 101st and Lott of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April, 2016, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1238. By Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Hawkins of the 27th, Williams of the 168th, Hugley of the 136th, Coleman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2016; and for other purposes.

HR 1239. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and McClain of the 100th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Willie M. Bolden; and for other purposes.

HR 1240. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Holcomb of the 81st, Smyre of the 135th, Dempsey of the 13th, Williams of the 119th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars on Academic Recognition Day for 2016; and for other purposes.

HR 1241. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Yates of the 73rd, Pak of the 108th, Williams of the 168th and Henson of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the month of April, 2016, as Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1242. By Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Waites of the 60th, Stephens of the 164th, Gordon of the 163rd and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION commending La Teah Sheray Lockett; and for other purposes.

HR 1243. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd and Williams of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2016, as Equine Youth Day at the state capitol and honoring the 2016 Youth Equine Champions; and for other purposes.

HR 1244. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Marin of the 96th, Clark of the 101st and Rice of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Walter Harvey Kahrs; and for other purposes.

HR 1245. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Harden of the 148th and Clark of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Mill Creek girls cross country team; and for other purposes.

HR 1246. By Representative Mabra of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending World Changers Church International on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1247. By Representative Dollar of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ryan Manderfield; and for other purposes.

HR 1248. By Representative Dollar of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Davis Odom; and for other purposes.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Representative Strickland of the 111th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Education:

HB 870. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, England of the 116th, Meadows of the 5th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

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 high schools that receive state funding cannot participate in an athletic association which prohibits religious expression on the clothing of student athletes; to provide that high schools that receive state funding cannot participate in an athletic association which prohibits member schools from organizing and playing scrimmage matches, games, or other athletic competitions with nonmember schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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.