

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

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

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

Representatives Casas of the 107th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Floyd of the 99th, Jordan of the 77th, Kirby of the 114th, Knight of the 130th, Lumsden

of the 12th, Parsons of the 44th, Powell of the 32nd, Pruett of the 149th, and Taylor of the 79th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend David L. Luke, Pastor, Flipper Chapel AME Church, Milledgeville, 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  
245 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 2, 2016

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

Mr. Reilly,

My machine malfunctioned on February 29, 2016 when I attempted to put my vote in for HB 725. I would like a YES vote for HB 725.

Sincerely,

/s/ Penny Houston  
Representative Penny Houston  
Georgia House District 170

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 1101. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the Board of Commissioners of Jenkins 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.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1102. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Gilligan of the 24th, Duncan of the 26th, Cantrell of the 22nd and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all Forsyth County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead of certain residents of that school district, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4268), so as to revise the eligibility of residents for such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1103. By Representative Kendrick of the 93rd:

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 the regulation of land use; to provide for the completion of an audit by an outside auditor; to provide for purchases without sealed bid through an existing contract or schedule with the State of Georgia or the federal government; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1104. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Smith of the 134th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to revise the homestead exemption for Muscogee County formerly provided for by a local constitutional amendment duly ratified at the 1982 general election (Res. Act No. 76, House Resolution No. 271, Ga. L. 1981, p. 1926), which local constitutional amendment was continued in force and effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution and provides for the valuation of certain homestead property of Muscogee County for purposes of ad valorem taxation for school and consolidated city-county government purposes; 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 1105. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Caldwell of the 20th and Turner of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Cherokee 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.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1106. By Representatives Clark of the 98th and Coleman of the 97th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Sugar Hill, approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3546), so as to change provisions relating to municipal property ownership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1107. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th and Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 84 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government purchasing preferences, so as to require each municipality, county, school district, or other local governmental unit or political subdivision to utilize a competitive bidding process for certain contracts over a certain value; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to require the publication and maintenance of certain information related to such contracts; to provide a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1108. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2840), as amended, so as to provide for the composition, qualifications, appointment, filling of vacancies, terms and limits thereon, officers, and compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1109. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Cooper of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth," approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4201), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1110. By Representative Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the unified government of Roberta-Crawford County; to provide for boundaries and districts; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for organization, qualifications, election, terms, compensation, and filling of vacancies; to provide for associated offices, departments, agencies, and personnel; to provide for budgets and financial matters; to provide for a transition period; to provide for the repeal of certain Acts; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1111. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Parsons of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, so as to revise the powers and duties of the mayor; to provide for the removal of officers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1555. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Bruce of the 61st and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Homestead Exemptions Impacting City of Atlanta Residents; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1563. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Corbett of the 174th, Spencer of the 180th, Watson of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Kenny Boyett and dedicating the woodshop building on the grounds of Ware State Prison in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HR 1564. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Kelley of the 16th, Jackson of the 128th, Clark of the 101st, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging each local board of education, governing body of a nonpublic school, and governing body of a charter school to adopt and implement a sudden cardiac arrest and return to play policy and encouraging the Department of Public Health to endorse one or more sudden cardiac arrest prevention education courses; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1573. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th, Fludd of the 64th, Shaw of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Music Festival Tax Credits; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

HB 1098	HB 1099
HB 1100	HR 1541
HR 1542	HR 1553
HR 1554	SB 226
SB 269	SB 274
SB 327	SB 332
SB 333	SB 335
SB 345	SB 347
SB 364	SB 366
SB 369	SB 374
SB 379	SB 383
SR 730	SR 809
SR 863	SR 876
SR 883	SR 892
SR 956	SR 978
SR 1027	SR 1029
SR 1038	

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 31st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

**Open Rule**

HR 979 House Study Committee on Programs That Provide Services for the Reading to the Blind and the Visually Impaired; create (SRules-Houston-170th)

**Modified Open Rule**

HR 978 House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation; create (SRules-Buckner-137th)  
HR 1135 House Study Committee on Base Realignment and Closure; create (SRules-Belton-112th)  
HR 1341 House Study Committee on Professional Employer Organizations; create (SRules-Smith-134th)

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 and Resolutions of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 6. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Crane of the 28th, Gooch of the 51st, Heath of the 31st, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5, 11, and 16 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses, abandoned motor vehicles, and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to provide that persons

who possess a lawful alien status are the only category of noncitizens who may obtain a license, permit, or card; to require the Department of Driver Services to participate in the Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify initiative of the United States Department of Homeland Security; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 77. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th, Stone of the 23rd, Williams of the 19th, Jackson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6A of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to provide for analysis and collection of DNA for individuals arrested and convicted of felony offenses; to revise and add definitions; to change provisions relating to time and procedure for obtaining DNA samples; to change provisions relating to expungement of profiles in the data bank; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where offenses are bailable, procedure, and schedule of bails, so as to provide a cross-reference for purposes of DNA collections as a condition of bail; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 206. By Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to revise provisions relating to water liens; to provide for procedures for water liens, amended water liens, and cancellation of water liens and the forms therefor; to provide for bonds; to provide for contest of liens; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 304. By Senators Parent of the 42nd and Jones II of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI

in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to allow for the preservation of a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the Georgia Crime Information Center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 310. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Martin of the 9th, Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to prohibit the implementation of certain grants affecting education policy regarding pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education until a written analysis is provided and the grant terms are ratified by the General Assembly; to provide for a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 328. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 44th, Jackson of the 2nd, Seay of the 34th 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 provide that students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to an alternative education program for more than two semesters; to provide for students to remain in an alternative education program at their option; to remove the funding cap on alternative education programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 336. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., related to retirement plans of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, so as to permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans or join a master plan by resolution in addition to

ordinance; to designate a board of trustees for a master plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 346. By Senators Beach of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-16-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Environmental Policy Act," so as to exempt projects for the construction or improvement of public roads from environmental effects reports in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 355. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, McKoon of the 29th, Hill of the 6th, Williams of the 27th, Martin of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Student/Teacher Protection Act"; to end punitive testing consequences for both teachers and students related to federal, state, and locally mandated standardized assessments; to prevent truancy or referrals to the Division of Family and Children Services for absenteeism during standardized testing windows for federal, state, and locally mandated standardized assessments unless a student already has a chronic history of truancy; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 357. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, McKoon of the 29th and Crane of the 28th:

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 revise provisions relating to standards for local board of education members; to provide that establishing a code of ethics is in the discretion of the local board of education; to eliminate required training for local board of education members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 375. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide certain requirements and standards for the incorporation of new municipal corporations; to require a financial viability, fiscal impact, and service delivery study; to prohibit the creation of unincorporated islands; to provide for special districts to amortize obligations; to require referendum approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 378. By Senator Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relative 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 change the composition of the governing authority; to abolish the office of chief executive officer; to provide for a commission chairperson to be elected at large; to shorten certain terms of office; to provide for elections and new terms of office; to provide for term limits; to provide for a county manager; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum and effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 385. By Senator Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice relative to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for certain requirements for advertisement or publication of representations of board certification by physicians; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- SB 389. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 32nd and Williams of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to temporary assistance for needy families, so as to provide for an exception to lifetime maximum assistance; to revise provisions regarding rules and regulations; to provide for a cash diversion program; to provide for intervention for a recipient who fails to comply with the work activity requirement; to revise penalties for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- SB 402. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Burke of the 11th, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs; to create the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs; to provide legislative findings and intent; to provide for the membership, powers, duties, compensation, and allowances of the commission; to provide for the abolishment of the commission; to suspend the acceptance of applications and issuing of licenses for narcotic treatment programs for a certain period; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

- SB 404. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Safety, so as to revise provisions for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers of the department relative to approved off-duty employment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

- SB 409. By Senators VanNess of the 43rd, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Rhett of the 33rd, Stone of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require every public school to post a sign containing the toll-free telephone number operated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

- SB 416. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Harbison of the 15th, Harper of the 7th, Thompson of the 14th and Dugan of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to establish the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for a fusion center for the sharing and analysis of homeland security activity information; to provide for definitions; to provide for operations and responsibilities; to provide for membership; to amend Code Section 38-3-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Emergency Management Agency created, director, staff, offices, director's duties, and disaster coordinator, so as to expand the duties of the director of emergency management; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

- SB 417. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the "Georgia Film and Television Trail Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for a purpose; to provide for the Department of Economic Development to plan and develop the trail; to provide for policies; to provide for the Department of Transportation to place trail signs designed in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development; to provide for certain immunities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

- SB 420. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Unterman of the 45th, Jones of the 25th and Thompson of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, so as to require referendum approval prior to the expenditure of public funds for the establishment of a fixed guideway transit; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of the question to qualified voters; to provide for ballot language; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

- SR 388. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SR 604. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Hill of the 32nd, Crane of the 28th, Harbin of the 16th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit the levy of state ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- SR 675. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Crane of the 28th, Ginn of the 47th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to declare English as the official language of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 756. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for prioritized funding requirements regarding certain appropriations Acts; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; 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.

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

Representatives Stephens of the 164th et al., Coleman of the 97th, Chandler of the 105th et al., Mabra of the 63rd, Stovall of the 74th et al., Cheokas of the 138th et al., Gardner of the 57th, Powell of the 32nd, and Abrams of the 89th.

Pursuant to HR 1359, the House commended the Colquitt County Packers football team for winning the 2015 Class AAAAAA State Championship and National Rankings.

Pursuant to HR 1443, the House recognized March 2, 2016, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the capitol.

Pursuant to HR 1497, the House recognized March 2, 2016, as Georgia Music Day at the state capitol.

Pursuant to HR 1503, the House honored the first grade classes of Elm Street Elementary School for their successful class project, Sugar Kids Beauty.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

SB 208. By Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Henson of the 41st and Butler of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Stonecrest in DeKalb County; to provide for a charter for the City of Stonecrest; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for severability;

to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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 978. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Coleman of the 97th, Greene of the 151st, Trammell of the 132nd, Benton of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation; 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 Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Deffenbaugh	E Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
E Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	E Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	E Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Kaiser	Y Quick	E Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	E Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	E Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
E Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	E Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A

Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	E Setzler	E Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	E Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

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

HR 1135. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Rynders of the 152nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 168th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Base Realignment and Closure; 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 Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	E Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
E Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	E Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	E Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Bruce	Y Efrstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	E Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	E Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	E Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
E Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson

Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	E Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	E Setzler	E Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	E Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

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

HR 979. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Tankersley of the 160th, Oliver of the 82nd, Efstoration of the 104th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Programs That Provide Services for the Reading to the Blind and the Visually Impaired; 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 Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	E Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
E Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	E Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	E Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Bruce	Y Efstoration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	E Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	E Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	E Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch

Y Cantrell	Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
E Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	E Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	E Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Mayo	E Setzler	E Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	E Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

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

HR 1341. By Representative Smith of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Professional Employer Organizations; 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 Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	E Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	E Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
E Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
E Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	E Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	E Jones, L	Y Price	Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruet	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	E Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	Y Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	E Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	E Randall	Y Watson

Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
E Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	E Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	E Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	E Setzler	E Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Meadows	E Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

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

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

HB 677. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Rogers of the 29th, Harbin of the 122nd, Evans of the 42nd and Marin of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government; to amend Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 807. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Rogers of the 29th, Harbin of the 122nd, Evans of the 42nd, Kidd of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the local authorization of a limited number of licensed casino resorts within the state; to authorize the operation and regulation of limited casino gaming within the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1578. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th, Stephens of the 165th and Gordon of the 163rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Asperger Spirit, Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 1579. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Glanton of the 75th, Mabra of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Major Gregory E. Barney; and for other purposes.

HR 1580. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing the Nagorno Karabakh Republic; and for other purposes.

HR 1581. By Representative Tankersley of the 160th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Jim Grubiak; and for other purposes.

HR 1582. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Mabra of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th and Glanton of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ms. Petula Samuels-Felicien; and for other purposes.

HR 1583. By Representatives Bennett of the 80th, Kendrick of the 93rd and Holcomb of the 81st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Oglethorpe University and commending its student leaders; and for other purposes.

HR 1584. By Representatives Bennett of the 80th, Duncan of the 26th, Reeves of the 34th, Brockway of the 102nd, Mabra of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Calvin Johnson, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1585. By Representatives Jones of the 167th, Atwood of the 179th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Eva Purdy; and for other purposes.

HR 1586. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Destiny Christian Center International on the grand occasion of its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1587. By Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Althea Milton; and for other purposes.

HR 1588. By Representative Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Emprendedores Latinos USA; and for other purposes.

HR 1589. By Representatives Evans of the 42nd and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life and works of "Mother" Louise Cooper; and for other purposes.

HR 1590. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Ralston of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Representative Robert "Bob" Bryant; and for other purposes.

HR 1591. By Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Gordon of the 163rd, Williams of the 168th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Robert "Bob" Bryant; and for other purposes.

Representative Coleman of the 97th District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education 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 309      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Coleman of the 97th  
Chairman

The following communication was received:

THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

House District 162 has become vacant due to the passing of Representative Bob Bryant.

Therefore, pursuant to Article V, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and Section 21-2-544 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, a writ of election is hereby issued to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, to fill the vacancy in District 162 of the Georgia House of Representatives.

This 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

Representative Burns of the 159th 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, A.M. Monday, March 7, 2016.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned, pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, until 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Monday, March 7, 2016.