

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Monday, March 7, 2016**

**Thirty-Second Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

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

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

Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Caldwell of the 20th, Casas of the 107th, Dickerson of the 113th, Dukes of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Golick of the 40th, Harden of the 148th, Kirby of the 114th, Pruett of the 149th, Raffensperger of the 50th,

Randall of the 142nd, Smyre of the 135th, Stephenson of the 90th, Thomas of the 56th, and Welch of the 110th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend James Wright, Jr., Pastor, Zion Hill Baptist Church Truth Center, Douglasville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Williams of the 119th, member 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 1112. 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 a county, municipality, 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 Governmental Affairs.

HB 1113. By Representative Rhodes of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide that certain officials of Greene County who have served at least 15 years in office may, upon leaving, continue to participate in the county health insurance program for themselves and their dependents by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3664), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3654), so as to clarify the qualifications for participation in such health insurance program; to prohibit persons who are separated from the county by their commission of an illegal act from participating in such health insurance program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1114. By Representatives Jones of the 167th and Atwood of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3661), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5287); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1115. By Representatives Henson of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th, Oliver of the 82nd, Taylor of the 79th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to make provisions for the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4819), as amended, so as to allow for service of a citation for or accusation of a violation of an ordinance concerning the condition of real property by leaving a copy at the premises where the violation is allegedly to have occurred, mailing a copy to the owner of the premises, and filing with the

clerk of the magistrate court; to limit sanctions for violations when such form of service is used; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1116. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Holcomb of the 81st, Bennett of the 80th, Stephenson of the 90th, Taylor of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, formerly known as the Civil and Criminal Court of DeKalb County, approved February 14, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2401), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 3, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3501), so as to provide for the payment of costs in such court; to provide for a failure to appear fee in such court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1575. By Representative Gardner of the 57th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of water to the State of Georgia and urging support for future investments in water and wastewater systems; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HR 1576. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Smith of the 134th, Harden of the 148th, Dunahoo of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Pricing of Prescription Drugs; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1577. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Stephens of the 164th, Abrams of the 89th, Dukes of the 154th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia Minority Participation in the Film and Television Production Industry; 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 1101	HB 1102
HB 1103	HB 1104
HB 1105	HB 1106
HB 1107	HB 1108
HB 1109	HB 1110
HB 1111	HR 1555
HR 1563	HR 1564
HR 1573	SB 6
SB 77	SB 206
SB 304	SB 310
SB 328	SB 336
SB 346	SB 355
SB 357	SB 375
SB 378	SB 385
SB 389	SB 402
SB 404	SB 409
SB 416	SB 417
SB 420	SR 388
SR 604	SR 675
SR 756	

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR  
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

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

DEBATE CALENDAR

**Modified Open Rule**

SB 283      Accounting for Public Funds; provide multibank pooling of depositories for acceptance of deposits of public funds from public bodies (B&B-Williamson-115th) Kennedy-18th

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

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Meadows of the 5th  
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 bills of the Senate:

SB 412. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Hancock County and to provide for its powers and duties, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3710), so as to change the manner of appointment of the board; to change the manner of selection of the chairperson; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 421. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 890. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the board of education of Tattnall County, approved February 29, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2077), as amended, particularly by an Act approved

April 11, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3922), so as to stagger the terms of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1020. By Representatives Trammell of the 132nd and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Hogansville; to provide for incorporation and boundaries; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1038. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th and Kidd of the 145th:

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

HB 1042. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in and for the County of Polk, approved August 19, 1919 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 719), so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1044. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia providing for the election of the Board of Tax Assessors of Lowndes County and thereby end the elective terms of members of the Board of Tax Assessors of Lowndes County on December 31, 2020; to provide for a referendum with respect to the effectiveness of the foregoing; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 857. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from McDuffie County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of half the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and in the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 412. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Hancock County and to provide for its powers and duties, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3710), so as to change the manner of appointment of the board; to change the manner of selection of the chairperson; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 421. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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

Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd et al., Kidd of the 145th, Randall of the 142nd, Stovall of the 74th, Mabra of the 63rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st et al., Harden of the 148th, Buckner of the 137th, Williams of the 168th, and Burns of the 159th.

Pursuant to HR 1532, the House recognized and commended the Georgia Southern University Eagles.

Pursuant to HR 1556, the House congratulated the Allatoona High School Buccaneer football team on winning the GHSA AAAAA State Championship.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd.

Pursuant to HR 1584, the House recognized and commended Mr. Calvin Johnson, Jr.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 283. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Jones of the 25th, Miller of the 49th, Stone of the 23rd, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accounting for public funds, so as to provide for multibank pooling of depositories for the acceptance of deposits of public funds from public bodies; to provide for definitions, procedures, conditions, and limitations on the establishment of such pools; to provide for multiple effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, 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
E Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	E Morris	Y Smith, M
E Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Stephenson

Y Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	E Drenner	Jackson	E 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	Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	Y Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y 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	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	E Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	N Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	E Weldon
Y 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	Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y 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	Setzler	Y 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	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

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SB 283

I would have voted green.

Thank you!

/s/ Beasley-Teague  
65th

Representative Gardner of the 57th asked unanimous consent that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn:

HR 1574. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the support of Nagorno Karabakh Republic's democratic aspirations; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

Representative Dudgeon of the 25th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Higher Education and recommitted to the Committee on Education:

SB 348. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Williams of the 27th and Sims of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for college and career academies as charter schools or as schools within a strategic waivers school system or charter system; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1593. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Mosby of the 83rd and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending CHRIS Kids for its 35 year commitment and leadership in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1594. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Rice of the 95th, Frye of the 118th and Quick of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Bailey Tardy on being named to the U.S. Curtis Cup team; and for other purposes.

HR 1595. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Checker Cab Company; and for other purposes.

HR 1596. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Holmes of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION commending Lindsey Kinsella, Mary Persons High School's 2016 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1597. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION commending Blake Heard, George Walton Academy's 2016 STAR Student; and for other

HR 1598. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Social Circle High School wrestling team; and for other purposes.

HR 1599. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION commending Luke Udell, Social Circle High School's 2016 STAR Student; and for other

HR 1600. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th and Kirby of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Walton County Department of Family and Children Services Foster Parent Association and its leadership; and for other purposes.

HR 1601. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION commending Anna Batchelor, Walnut Grove High School's 2016 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 1602. By Representatives Bryant of the 162nd, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Williams of the 168th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Representative Dorothy Mae Barnes-Pelote; and for other purposes.

HR 1603. By Representative Jones of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lithangia Veronica Murray; and for other purposes.

HR 1604. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Daniel Fogie; and for other purposes.

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 Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 18	Do Pass
SB 58	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rogers of the 29th  
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 Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 274	Do Pass
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Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Pruett of the 149th  
Chairman

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, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.