

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

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

Representatives Floyd of the 99th, Golick of the 40th, Jordan of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Morris of the 156th, Mosby of the 83rd, Rice of the 95th, Stover of the 71st, and Williams of the 168th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Richard A. Washington, Sr., New Bethel AME Church, Lithonia, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

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

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

HB 717. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Yates of the 73rd, Smith of the 125th, Jordan of the 77th, Howard of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for a woman veteran's license plate; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 725. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Spencer of the 180th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Weldon of the 3rd, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse and deprivation records, so as to provide for greater confidentiality of child abuse records; to provide for and revise definitions; to change provisions relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records of child abuse; to provide for contents of a protective order; to provide for immunity for child advocacy centers in releasing child abuse records under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

HB 739. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Brockway of the 102nd, Rice of the 95th, Harrell of the 106th 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 the state recommendation process for instructional materials and content is optional; to require a review and recommendation process for locally approved instructional materials and content; to provide for public review of proposed and approved instructional materials and content; to provide for the designation of a school system coordinator; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 743. By Representative Yates of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education, so as to require the State Board of Education to issue a general educational development (GED) diploma to an individual who has received a GED diploma issued by the armed forces of the United States; to require that such a GED diploma be recognized as equivalent to any other GED diploma; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 744. By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Clark of the 101st, Carter of the 175th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-5.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual assault by persons with supervisory or disciplinary authority, so as to prohibit sexual contact between school personnel and students enrolled at such school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 745. By Representative Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to public property, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions relating to writing off small amounts due to the state; to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions relating to nonlapsing revenue of institutions in the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 746. By Representatives Benton of the 31st, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 747. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal

regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 748. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Carter of the 175th and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Thomas County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 749. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Greene of the 151st, Harrell of the 106th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-8-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to councils of regional commissions, membership, terms of membership, voting, officers, and powers, so as to authorize such councils to meet by teleconference or similar means; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 750. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 198, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 251), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the

control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 751. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 752. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 198, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 251), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 753. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending

June 30, 2016, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 198, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 251), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 754. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 755. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

- HB 756. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Rice of the 95th, Nix of the 69th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Battles of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to protect certain sellers of goods or services against infringement of religious freedom; to define a term; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 757. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Nix of the 69th, Battles of the 15th, Powell of the 171st, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to protect religious freedoms; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to marriage generally, so as to provide that religious officials shall not be required to perform marriage ceremonies in violation of their legal right to free exercise of religion; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to change certain provisions relating to days of rest for employees of business and industry; to protect property owners which are religious institutions against infringement of religious freedom; to define a term; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 758. By Representatives Jones of the 62nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Spencer of the 180th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 28-11-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to availability of instructional classes and courses and payment of and reimbursement of expenses for members of the General Assembly, so as to require training for members of the General Assembly; to provide for the topics to be covered; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- HB 759. By Representatives Willard of the 51st and Morris of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of the

practice of law, so as to provide that certain activities by financial institutions shall not constitute the unauthorized practice of law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 760. By Representative Jones of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, and Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to description of state flag, militia to carry flag, defacing public monuments, and obstruction of Stone Mountain, so as to provide for memorials to the Civil War era and the augmenting of such memorials; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HB 761. By Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Hawkins of the 27th, Williams of the 87th, Stephenson of the 90th and Mosby of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax returns and furnishing of information, so as to authorize Georgia taxpayers to make certain voluntary contributions through the income tax payment and refund process for prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and research through the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 762. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kirby of the 114th, Jones of the 167th, Coomer of the 14th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to change certain provisions relating to disposal of aborted human fetuses, reporting requirements, penalties, public reports, and confidentiality of identity of physicians filing reports; to provide for reports; to change certain provisions relating to buying, selling, or offering to buy or sell a human body or parts thereof; to amend Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title

44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act," so as to change certain provisions relating to limited prohibition on sale or purchase of body parts; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 763. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Harrell of the 106th, Knight of the 130th, Carter of the 175th, Nimmer of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the state sales and use tax, so as to remove the sunset for the exemption regarding certain food and food ingredients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 764. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Frye of the 118th, Quick of the 117th, Williams of the 119th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HR 990. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th, Corbett of the 174th, Atwood of the 179th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 710

HB 714

HB 713

HB 722

HB 732
HB 734
HB 736
HB 738
HB 741
HR 979

HB 733
HB 735
HB 737
HB 740
HB 742

Representative Battles of the 15th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement 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 605 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Battles of the 15th
Chairman

Representative Wilkinson of the 52nd assumed the chair.

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

Representatives Gravley of the 67th and Ralston of the 7th.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

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

Representative Taylor of the 79th.

Pursuant to HR 975, the House commended Mr. Horace Julian Bond for his outstanding public service.

Pursuant to HR 1004, the House recognized and commended the Appling County Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2015 Southern Unit of the Year.

Pursuant to HR 1005, the House recognized and commended the Clayton-Pike-Lamar-Upson-Spalding Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2015 Northern Unit of the Year.

Pursuant to HR 1009, the House recognized and commended the Satilla District on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2015 District of the Year.

Pursuant to HR 983, the House commended Corporal Casey Jones of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division on being named 2015 Ranger of the Year.

Pursuant to HR 992, the House commended Mayor Fred Perriman.

Pursuant to HR 993, the House commended Bruce Gilbert.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1018. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Parsons of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Scott Ford Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 1019. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Parsons of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending David James Rogers; and for other purposes.

HR 1020. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Parsons of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending David Jackson Heineman; and for other purposes.

HR 1021. By Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Thomas of the 56th and Metze of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Lynnise Nia Knowles; and for other purposes.

HR 1022. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilman Warren Hadlock; and for other purposes.

HR 1023. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Dianne Leonetti; and for other purposes.

HR 1024. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Jean Shepard Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 1025. By Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Mabra of the 63rd, Yates of the 73rd and Stover of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Division Chief Pete Nelms on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 1026. By Representatives Howard of the 124th, Frazier of the 126th, Sims of the 123rd, Prince of the 127th and Smith of the 125th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Phyllis Johnson-Porter, Richmond County Schools' 2016 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1027. By Representatives Howard of the 124th, Frazier of the 126th, Sims of the 123rd, Prince of the 127th and Smith of the 125th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Gloria B. Lewis on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc; and for other purposes.

HR 1028. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Dickey of the 140th and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION commending Fort Valley State University, recognizing January 26, 2016, as Fort Valley State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1029. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Abrams of the 89th, Harden of the 148th, McCall of the 33rd and England of the 116th:

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 for other purposes.

HR 1030. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Carter of the 175th and Shaw of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy Randall Sauls;
and for other purposes.

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.