

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, January 15, 2016

Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 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:

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

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

Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Bennett of the 80th, Casas of the 107th, Floyd of the 99th, Fludd of the 64th, Gardner of the 57th, Golick of the 40th, Holcomb of the 81st, Jordan of the 77th, Marin of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, Morris of the 156th, Mosby of the 83rd, Pak of the 108th, Parsons of the 44th, Scott of the 76th, Setzler of the 35th,

Smith of the 41st, Stephenson of the 90th, Stover of the 71st, Thomas of the 56th, and Yates of the 73rd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Benny Tate, Pastor, Rock Springs Church, Milner, 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 724. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd and Stephens of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights," so as to revise the number of days for advance notification to a victim by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles whenever it considers making certain decisions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to grants

of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to require advance notification to certain persons whenever the State Board of Pardons and Paroles considers making a final decision to grant parole to an inmate or place an inmate into transitional housing; to require publication in the legal organ of the county of an inmate's parole date or date of entry into transitional housing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 765. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st, Lott of the 122nd, Greene of the 151st, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-3-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the appointment of board members to the county departments of family and children services, so as to provide that appointments may include certain retired individuals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 766. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Quick of the 117th, Powell of the 171st, Kendrick of the 93rd, Willard of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to revise a definition to include any spouse; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 767. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Waites of the 60th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding uniform rules of the road, so as to add utility service vehicles to the "Spencer Pass Law"; to provide a procedure for passing stationary utility service vehicles; 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 768. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Willard of the 51st, Fludd of the 64th, Jones of the 47th, Turner of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disabled persons, so as to provide for the establishment of a qualified ABLE program in this state to enable the contribution of funds to tax-exempt accounts to pay for the qualified expenses of eligible individuals with disabilities; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of taxable net income; to amend Code Section 50-13-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the definitions for purposes of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, so as to exclude the Georgia ABLE Program Corporation from the meaning of "agency"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 769. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Houston of the 170th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to watercraft held in inventory, so as to make permanent an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain watercraft held in inventory for sale or resale; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 770. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Welch of the 110th, Houston of the 170th, Atwood of the 179th, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, so as to provide for and revise defined terms; to change penalty provisions; to remove a potential defense to a charge of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 771. By Representative Marin of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-7-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to plant disease, pest control, and pesticides, so as to exempt water spinach from the definition of "plant pest"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 772. By Representatives Clark of the 147th, Brockway of the 102nd, Harden of the 148th, Epps of the 144th, Hightower of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-385 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, so as to revise the period of time for advance voting with regard to Saturday voting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 773. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Efstoration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 150th, Rogers of the 29th, Battles of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 1017. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Gilligan of the 24th, Duncan of the 26th and Cantrell of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

HB 717	HB 725
HB 739	HB 743
HB 744	HB 745
HB 746	HB 747
HB 748	HB 749
HB 750	HB 751
HB 752	HB 753
HB 754	HB 755
HB 756	HB 757
HB 758	HB 759
HB 760	HB 761
HB 762	HB 763
HB 764	HR 990

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

Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Williams of the 87th, and Kendrick of the 93rd.

Pursuant to HR 1003, the House recognized and commended the Arts Association in Newton County.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1034. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Charles "Brownie" Winfred Pittman, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1035. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Hoyt Holloway; and for other purposes.

HR 1036. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sandy and Norma Lyons on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1037. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of N. L. Prather; and for other purposes.

HR 1038. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Paul Fitts, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1039. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Blue Ridge Trout Festival in Blue Ridge, Georgia, as the official trout fishing festival of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1040. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Karen Nunnally; and for other purposes.

HR 1041. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Linda Sue Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1042. By Representative Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 18, 2016, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1043. By Representative Marin of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ms. Grace M. Lopez-Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1044. By Representatives Marin of the 96th, Coleman of the 97th and Rice of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Planned PETHood of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1045. By Representatives Marin of the 96th and Casas of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials for 40 years of service to the nation's Latino community; and for other purposes.

HR 1046. By Representative Tankersley of the 160th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James Nash Welch; and for other purposes.

HR 1047. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, Burns of the 159th and Abrams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 3, 2016, as Veterinary Medicine Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1048. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Carter of the 175th, Jones of the 47th, Buckner of the 137th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Girl Scouts on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1049. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Dudgeon of the 25th, Brockway of the 102nd, Reeves of the 34th, Cantrell of the 22nd and others:

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

HR 1050. By Representative Abrams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION commending Atlanta Metropolitan State College and recognizing January 22, 2016, as Atlanta Metropolitan State College Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, January 20, 2016, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, January 20, 2016.