

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 21, 2016

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

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

Representatives Casas of the 107th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Dollar of the 45th, Floyd of the 99th, Golick of the 40th, Jordan of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Morris of the 156th, Mosby of the 83rd, Pak of the 108th, and Randall of the 142nd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Brian Funderburke, Pastor, SERVE, Johns Creek United Methodist Church, Johns Creek, 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 Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 784. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Maxwell of the 17th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide that certain insurer advertising and promotional items not exceeding \$100.00 in value will not be considered an unfair trade practice or an unlawful inducement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 785. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Atwood of the 179th, Duncan of the 26th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for the creation of townships; to conform related laws; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 786. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved August 20, 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 739), an Act approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4980), and an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3692), 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.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 787. By Representatives Dickson of the 6th, Broadrick of the 4th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Varnell ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older or who are the unremarried spouses of deceased firefighters, police officers, or military veterans; 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.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 788. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Epps of the 144th, Powell of the 32nd and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of retirement and pensions, so as to provide that a member of a retirement system shall be eligible to change his or her designated beneficiaries at any time; to require retirement system administrators to promulgate the method to make such change; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 789. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th and Epps of the 144th:

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 only, so as authorize the power to grant franchises to or make contracts with certain utility systems and to charge certain fees as a result of such franchise agreements or contracts; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 790. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Rice of the 95th, Duncan of the 26th and Clark of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to change provisions relating to transmitting a false public alarm; to provide a definition; to change penalty provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 791. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Epps of the 144th and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as to require ride share network services and transportation referral services to provide access to wheelchair accessible vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 792. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Pak of the 108th, Quick of the 117th, Cooke of the 18th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying, possession, and use of electroshock weapons by persons who are students or who are employed at a public institution of postsecondary education; to provide for a definition; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 793. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, England of the 116th, Hatchett of the 150th, Rutledge of the 109th, Yates of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from taxation, so as to revise the definition of fraternal benefit association; 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 794. By Representative Bentley of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Macon County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Macon County on and after January 1, 2017; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 961. By Representatives Waites of the 60th, Battles of the 15th, Yates of the 73rd, Alexander of the 66th, Prince of the 127th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for dedication of certain existing fees and assessments for the purpose of funding driver education and

training courses in public schools with grades nine through 12; to provide that such funds shall not be subject to lapse; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 1051. By Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Atwood of the 179th, Duncan of the 26th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may provide by law for townships for the limited purposes of exercising the power of zoning and the regulation of land use development within the boundaries of such townships and provide for the funding and operation of such townships; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 1052. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Thomas William Poole and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1053. By Representatives Kendrick of the 93rd, Fludd of the 64th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Kirby of the 114th, Turner of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Technology Workforce Development; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1054. By Representatives Kendrick of the 93rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Smyre of the 135th, Glanton of the 75th, Jones of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Policing and Mental Health; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 1091. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Setzler of the 35th, Chandler of the 105th, Gilligan of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that this state shall recognize the paramount right to life of all human beings as persons at any stage of development; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB 774	HB 775
HB 776	HB 777
HB 778	HB 779
HB 780	HB 781
HB 782	HB 783
HR 1031	HR 1032
HR 1033	

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

Representatives Holmes of the 129th and Stovall of the 74th.

Pursuant to HR 1092, the House recognized 20/20 Hearing and commended its founder, Jack McConnell.

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

Representative Hatchett of the 150th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1092. By Representative Raffensperger of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing 20/20 Hearing and commending its founder, Jack McConnell; and for other purposes.

HR 1094. By Representative Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Judge Eleanor Ross; and for other purposes.

HR 1095. By Representative Caldwell of the 131st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Family and Consumer Sciences; and for other purposes

HR 1096. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles Walker Jenkins; and for other purposes.

HR 1097. By Representative Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Judge Leslie Abrams; and for other purposes.

HR 1098. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Price of the 48th, Gardner of the 57th, Beskin of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the month of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1099. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Price of the 48th, Gardner of the 57th, Beskin of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April, 2016, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 1100. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Price of the 48th and Martin of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. J. Jerome Felton, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1101. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Reggie Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1102. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Jesse Averett, Jr., the Pastor of St. Paul CME Church, Lone Oak; and for other purposes.

HR 1103. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Marcus J. Gibson, the pastor of Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1104. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Effingham YMCA Christian Leadership Academy; and for other purposes.

HR 1105. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Jones of the 53rd, Trammell of the 132nd, Bentley of the 139th, Rakestraw of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Christopher and Kyle Massey; and for other purposes.

HR 1106. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Yates of the 73rd, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Ealum of the 153rd, Belton of the 112th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Kenneth Allen Norris; and for other purposes.

HR 1107. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Holmes of the 129th, Houston of the 170th, Dempsey of the 13th, Beskin of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2016, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1108. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Michael Henry Murphy; and for other purposes.

HR 1109. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Ann L. Hardman, the Apostle of both Faith Worship Center International in Columbus, Georgia, and River of Life International in Asheville, North Carolina; and for other purposes.

HR 1110. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Pezold of the 133rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Debora F. Grant, the Senior Pastor of St. John AME Church in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 1111. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Trevor Harris for his courageous actions; 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.