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Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of CLOB. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), were absent.

Chairman Thompson (14th) called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) arrived at 8:07 a.m.

The proposed Committee Rules were reviewed. Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion to adopt the Rules. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The Rules of the Committee were adopted and are attached.

SB 158 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 50 0165) Stone Mountain Memorial Association; creation and erection of the "Let Freedom Ring Monument";

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (10th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to strike line 30, change seven to six; lines 36 and 37 strike entirely; lines 41 and 42 strike “Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Council. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-5.

Sen. Ginn (47th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jones (10th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Rahman (5th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) who made a motion that **SB 158 Do Pass (LC 50 0165).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 158 DO PASS (LC 50 0165)

Chairman Thompson (14th) adjourned the meeting at 8:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
2021 – 2022 RULES

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.

2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and as to their germaneness.

3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.

4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.

5. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee meeting.

6. These Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three- fourths of the Committee, provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.

7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.

8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate, except after consideration by the full Committee.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Monday, March 1, 2021

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Russ Goodman, 8th, Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Carden Summers (13th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) and Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) were appointed to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, as Ex-Officio members, by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on March 1, 2021. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Thompson (14th) called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Goodman (8th) arrived at 8:22 a.m.

SB 255 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 50 0184) One Georgia Authority Act; grant program to support border region retail and tourism projects; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion that **SB 255 Do Pass (LC 50 0184)** Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 255 DO PASS (LC 50 0184)

Chairman Thompson (14th) adjourned the meeting at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

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March 1, 2021

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint **Senator Russ Goodman and Senator Kay Kirkpatrick** to serve as **Ex-Officio for the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee on 3/1/2021 at 8am.**

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Committee Chairman

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 307 of CLOB. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) *(Left Early)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Sen. Frank Ginn, (47th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Thompson (14th) called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

HR 248 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 50 0208S) Savannah Logistics Technology Innovation Corridor; designate

The Chair stated that HR 248 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Ron Stephens (164th), for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Stephens (164th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Mullis (53rd) arrived at 3:36 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: HR 248 (LC 50 0208S) No action taken

HB 342 (Rep.Washburn, 141st, LC 36 4600) Professions and businesses; certain advertisements related to plumbing; prohibit

The Chair recognized Rep. Dale Washburn (141st), for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Washburn (141st), presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd), left early at 3:51p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 342 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 342 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 50 0218S)

Chairman Thompson (14th) adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Russ Goodman, 8th, Ex-Officio
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Brandon Beach (21st),), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent

NOTE: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) were appointed to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, as Ex-Officio members, by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on March 24, 2021. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Thompson (14th) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

HR 248 (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 50 0208S) Savannah Logistics Technology Innovation Corridor; designate

The Chair recognized Rep. Ron Stephens (164th), for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Stephens (164th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Rahman (5th) who made a motion that **HR 248 Do Pass (LC 50 0208S).** Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HR 248 DO PASS (LC 50 0208S)

Chairman Thompson (14th) adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary