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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION
RULES
2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be 3 members.

2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.

3. Each author, or his or her designee, requesting a Committee hearing and/or vote on a bill shall make such request in writing no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the Committee, except at the discretion of the Chairman.

4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.

5. The Committee shall reconvene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.

6. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairman.

7. When a bill or resolution is before the Committee for consideration, and multiple, concurrent motions are made, the following shall be the precedence of the motions:
    1. A motion that a bill do pass;
    2. A motion that a bill do not pass;
    3. A motion to postpone to a time certain;
    4. A motion to refer a bill to a subcommittee
    (All motions listed above shall receive a second before consideration.)

8. No member of the Committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

9. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote, which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.

10. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.

11. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

12. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation met on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance.

Sen. Colton Moore (53rd), Chairman
Sen. Donzella James (28th), Vice-Chair
Sen. Randal Mangham (55th)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, and Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) and Sen. Watson (1st) were appointed to the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation for the committee meeting held on February 26, 2025. A copy of the appointment letter is attached to these minutes.

Chairman Moore (53rd) called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Chairman Moore (53rd) introduced the Committee Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Biennium.

Sen. James (28th) made a motion to **Adopt** the Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Biennium. Sen. Mangham (55th) seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

HB 117 (Rep. Petrea, 166th, LC 44 3039S) Food service establishments; require notification of the country of origin of seafood items

The Chair recognized Rep. Petrea (166th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Petrea (166th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) who made a motion to **Amend** by adding on line 10 "beef, chicken, or" after the word "imported", adding on line 11 "beef, chicken, or" after the word "containing", and by changing the word "or" to "and" on line 12. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (28th) who made a motion that **HB 117 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 117 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 60 0111S)

NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) and Sen. Watson (1st) left at 4:53 p.m.

SB 62 (Sen. Moore, 53rd, LC 46 9000) "Defend the Guard Act"; enact

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Mangham (55th) who made a motion that **SB 62 Do Pass (LC 46 9000).** Sen. James (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 62 DO PASS (LC 46 9000)

Chairman Moore (53rd) adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s
Sen. Colton Moore (53rd), Chairman

s/s
Nathan Teasley, Recording Secretary

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Mr. James Tripp
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Secretary Tripp,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Clint Dixon of the 45th District as an ex-officio member of the Interstate Cooperation Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/26/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Ben Watson of the 1st District as an ex-officio member of the Interstate Cooperation Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/26/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
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April 8, 2025

Mr. James M. Tripp
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation during the 2025 Legislative Session:

SR 183
SR 441

Sincerely,

Colton Moore
State Senator, District 53