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Rules of the Senate Committee on Rules
2025-2026

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be 8 members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the orders of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are eligible to be considered and which said measures are placed upon the Calendar for Senate consideration.
4. A bill or resolution will be considered by the Rules Committee as a standing committee only after at least one presentation to the committee by one of its principal authors or designees.
5. The Committee shall have the right to refer bills or resolutions to Subcommittee for study and recommendations.
6. The Chairman, in his discretion, may allow individual members of the Committee to place a bill or resolution upon the Rules Calendar so long as the measure is chosen from those determined to be eligible for consideration by the Chairman.
7. If an eligible bill or resolution is objected to by any member of the Committee, the Committee, upon majority vote, may nevertheless place upon the Rules Calendar.
8. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by two thirds of the members of the Committee.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.
10. The Committee has the right to send any bill back to any committee for perfection.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman, Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Vice-Chairman Watson (1st) called the Senate Rules Committee to order at 11:14 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 11:15 a.m.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion to **Adopt the Rules of the Committee**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) left at 11:16 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) returned at 11:17 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next session day:
SB 16 and SR 7.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Watson (1st) adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, January 30, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:14pm.

NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 12:23pm.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 16 and SR 7.

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 12:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 11:15 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 11:16 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 11:16 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 11:17 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 11:17 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 11:17 a.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SR 23 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 47 3209) US Congress; limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected; apply to call a convention

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **SR 23 Do Pass (LC 47 3209)**. Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12-3.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 23 DO PASS (LC 47 3209)

SR 95 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 33 9768) "Sonny Perdue Legislative Center"; naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **Amend** by replacing "center" with "building." Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SR 95 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 9772S)**. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 95 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 9772S)

SR 96 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 112 2806) Purebred Dog Day; recognize May 1, 2025

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dixon (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **Amend** by replacing "of Georgia" with "capitol" in lines 2 and 25. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) who made a motion that **SR 96 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 33 9771S)**. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 96 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 9771S).

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 11:31 a.m.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 11:31 a.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 1.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12-3.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the motion.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, February 6, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 2:41 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) left at 2:42 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) returned at 2:43 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 2:43 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 2:43 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) ceded the chair to Vice-Chairman Watson at 2:44 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) left at 2:44 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) returned at 2:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) resumed the Chair at 2:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 2:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 2:46 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Kennedy (18th) who made a motion to refer **SB 44 (LC 49 2099)** from the General Calendar to the Rules committee. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 44 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES (LC 49 2099)

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 6, SB 8, SB 23 and SB 35.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Monday, February 10, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) and Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 12:01 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 12:02 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SB 44 (Sen. Watson, 11th, LC 49 2099) Equalization Grants, Annual Calculations, and Allocation; the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate; revise

The Chair recognized Sen. Sam Watson (11th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Watson (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion that **SB 44 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 2224S)**. Sen. Dixon (45th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:04 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 44 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 2224S)

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 12:05 p.m.

The Chair called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:05 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 39 and SB 84.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary, Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 1:01 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:02 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 1:03 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

SB 10 (Sen. Goodman, 8th, LC 62 0095S) Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Sam Watson (11th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Watson (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to refer **SB 10 (LC 62 0095S)** from the General Calendar to the Rules committee. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 10 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES (LC 62 0095S)

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 1:03 p.m.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:03 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 5, SB 21, SB 47, and SR 95.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th), Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), and Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 1:38 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 1:39 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:42 p.m.

SB 10 (Sen. Goodman, 8th, LC 44 2865) Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge; provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who motion that **SB 10 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 62 0100S)**. Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by 13-1.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st) Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen.

Kennedy (18th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion

Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 10 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 62 0100S)

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 1:41 p.m.

The Chair called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:41 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 21, SB 44, SB 76, and SB 99.

Sen. Walker III (20th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, February 13, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 in Room450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice Chairman, Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 52, SB 58, and SB 81.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Robertson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 3:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 3:18 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 3:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 3:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 3:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 3:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 3:25 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 45, SB 59 and SB 89, and SR 56.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:43 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:44 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 12:47 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch arrived at 12:49 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 96, SB 98, SB 102, SB 138, SR 23 and SR 96.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, February 20, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:54 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:56 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:56 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) at 1:56 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 10, SB 12, and SB 68.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Friday, February 21, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Friday, February 21, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late) (Left Early)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 12:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 12:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:37 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 12:37 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:40 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 12:42 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 12:42 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) left early at 12:43 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 12:44 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 13, SB 28, SB 72, and SB 125.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Monday, February 24, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Monday, February 24, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late) (Left Early)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:14 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 1:15 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 1:15 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left early at 1:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) left at 1:25 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) returned at 1:26 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 40, SB 79, SB 123, SB 130, and HB 67.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 2:24 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Breach (21st) left at 2:24 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 2:25 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Williams (25th) arrived at 2:25 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 2:26 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) left at 2:26 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (47th) arrived at 2:26 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 2:27 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) returned at 2:28 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) returned at 2:29 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 2:30 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 42, SB 69, SB 101, SB 131, and SB 141.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, February 27, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) and Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 12:16 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 12:16 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 12:17 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to refer **SB 64, SB 162, and HB 92** from the General Calendar to the Rules committee. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 64, SB 162, and HB 92 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 88, SB 145, SB 152, SB 153 and SR 247.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Friday, February 28, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Friday, February 28, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late) (Left Early)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 12:20 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 12:21 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 12:21 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:21 p.m.

The Senate Standing Committee on Rules had under consideration the following legislation:

SB 64 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 55 0433) Local Government and State Government; certain transactions between government entities and certain foreign persons; prohibit

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dixon (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) who made a motion that **SB 64 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 55 0577S).** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 64 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 55 0577S)

NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 12:24 p.m.

SB 162 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 52 0744) Georgia Composite Medical Board; implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SB 162 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 52 0813S)** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 162 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 52 0813S)

SB 242 (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 50 1142) Capitol Art Standards Commission; placement of a monument in honor of the Honorable Clarence Thomas within the Nathan Deal Judicial Center; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **SB 242 Do Pass (LC 50 1142)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 16-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Walker III (20th), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 242 DO PASS (LC 50 1142)

SB 255 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 47 3461) General Assembly; authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; codify a process

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **SB 255 Do Pass (LC 47 3461)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 255 DO PASS (LC 47 3461)

SR 148 (Sen. Rhett, 33rd, LC 112 2924) Taiwan; recognize

The Chair recognized Sen. Rhett (33rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st) motion that **SR 148 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 112 3111S)**. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 148 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 112 3111S)

SR 246 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 112 3035) President Donald J. Trump; commend

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SR 246 Do Pass (LC 112 3035)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 14-3.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jackson (41st), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 246 DO PASS (LC 112 3035)

SR 309 (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 33 9810) Sales or Income Tax Credit; any bill proposing to receive a two-thirds' vote of the membership of each house of the General Assembly in order to become law; require -CA

The Chair recognized Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tillery (19th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 309 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 33 9811S)**. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 16-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 309 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 9811S)

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 12:58 p.m.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:58 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) left early at 1:04 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SB 20, SB 29, SB 30, SB 31, SB 46, SB 51, SB 55, SB 56, SB 74, SB 85, SB 111, SB 139, SB 151, SB 175, SB 185, and SB 195.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Monday, March 3, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Monday, March 3, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 5:27p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 5:28 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 5:28 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 5:32 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 5:32 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) left at 5:40 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) returned at 5:41 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 5:46 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 4, SB 9, SB 36, SB 63, SB 91, SB 110, SB 112, SB 124, SB 126, SB 144, SB 154, SB 160, SB 177, SB 180, SB 193, SB 199, SB 201, SB 241, SR 8 and SR 231.**

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (Arrived Late)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:49 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 12:50 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:54 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) left at 1:24 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 1:47 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 17, SB 27, SB 33, SB 57, SB 61, SB 64, SB 82, SB 86, SB 93, SB 94, SB 100, SB 105, SB 109, SB 119, SB 120, SB 121, SB 129, SB 132, SB 140, SB 146, SB 147, SB 148, SB 149, SB 162, SB 163, SB 170, SB 173,SB 179, SB 182, SB 191, SB 204, SB 207, SB 212, SB 213, SB 218, SB 220, SB 233, SB 236, SB 239, SB 242, SB 244, SB 245, SB 252, SB 254, SB 255, SB 256, SB 259, SB 260, SB 268, SB 276, SB 284, SB 285, SB 291, SB 293, SB 298, SB 262 and SR 282.**

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee stood in recess at 2:07 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on March 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, March 6, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary, Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 10:16 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next legislative day: **HB 15.**

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next legislative day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Monday, March 10, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 1:07 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 287, HR 97, and HR 98.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) and Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 12:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 12:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 12:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 12:07 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:15 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 81 and HB 167.**

Sen. Robertson (29th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, March 13, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, and Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:44 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 12:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 12:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 12:46 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 12:46 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) left early at 12:50 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SR 148, SR 245, SR 246, HB 89, HB 90, HB 223, and HR 32.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*

NOTE: Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 2:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Williams (25th) arrived at 2:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 2:37 pm

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to refer **SR 323** from the General Calendar to the Rules committee. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 323 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES (LC 52 0790)

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 2:42 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 2:44 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 55, HB 111, HB 112, HB 161, HB 406, HB 423, HB 584, HB 614, and HR 42.**

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, March 20, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 3:28 p.m.

SR 391 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 59 0141) Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Currency; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion to **Amend** by changing the days from "12" to "four" in line 54. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **SR 391 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 391 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 60 0155S)

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 3:29 p.m.

HB 484 (Rep. Yearta, 152nd, LC 33 9779) General Assembly; digitization and electronic publication of Georgia Laws; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Yearta (152nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 484 Do Pass (LC 33 9779)**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 484 DO PASS (LC 33 9779)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:32 p.m.

HB 92 (Rep. Blackmon, 146th, LC 50 1125S) Revenue and taxation; postpone date by which local governing authorities can opt out of base year homestead exemption

The Chair recognized Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Blackmon (146th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion that **HB 92 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 50 1237S)**. Sen. Williams (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 92 DO PASS BY SUBSITUTE (LC 50 1237S)

NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 3:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 3:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 3:35 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 3:36 p.m.

SR 323 (Sen. Echols, 49th, LC 52 0790) Senate Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Drew Echols (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Echols (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion to **Amend** by changing the days from "five" to "four" in line 49. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion that **SR 323 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 323 DO PASS BY SUBSITUTE (LC 60 0154S)

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 3:38 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 3:39
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) arrived at 3:50 p.m.

SR 292 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 47 3469) Senate Special Committee on Investigations; investigate additional matters; to authorize the use of compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses; authorize

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 292 Do Pass (LC 47 3469)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 18-1.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Dixon (45th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 292 DO PASS (LC 47 3469)

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules at 3:39 p.m.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 3:39 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 58, HB 159, HB 266, HB 331, and HB 426.**

Sen. Robertson (29th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion to refer **HB 233 and HB 454** from the general calendar to the rules standing committee. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 233 and HB 454 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Friday, March 21, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Friday, March 21, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late) (Left Early)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 1:10 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 1:10 p.m.

The previous meeting's motion to refer HB 233 and HB 454 was VOID.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion to refer **HB 233 and HB 454** from the general calendar to the rules standing committee. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 233 and HB 454 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 1:12 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 1:14 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) left at 1:17 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 1:18 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Albers (56th) returned at 1:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left early at 1:23 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day:
SR 310, HB 53, HB 92, HB 143, HB 290, HB 340, HB 360, HB 392, and HB 475.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 1:17 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 1:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 1:19 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 1:26 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dixon (45th) arrived at 1:33 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SR 292, HB 86, HB 164, HB 175, HB 196, HB 208, HB 241, HB 307, HB 428, HB 473, HB 484, HB 551, and HB 579.**

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Walker (20th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Thursday, March 27, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. John Albers (56th)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) and Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) were absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 4:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 4:08 p.m.

SR 255 (Sen. Summers, 13th, LC 57 0245) Senate Study Committee on Combating Unscrupulous Companion Animal Breeding Practices; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Carden Summers (13th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Summers (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SR 255 Do Pass (LC 57 0245)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 255 DO PASS (LC 57 0245)

SR 311 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 52 0817) Senate Study Committee on Recovery Residences; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that **SR 311 Do Pass (LC 52 0817)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 311 DO PASS (LC 52 0817)

SR 393 (Sen. Jones II, 22nd, LC 60 0133) Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones II (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (22nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Rhett (33rd) made a motion that **SR 393 Do Pass (LC 60 0133)**. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 393 DO PASS (LC 60 0133)

SR 424 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 50 1223) Senate Study Committee on Franchise Fees; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Albers (56th) made a motion that **SR 424 Do Pass (LC 50 1223)**. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 424 DO PASS (LC 50 1223)

SR 427 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 55 0616) Senate Study Committee on Intoxicating Cannabinoids in Consumable Hemp Products; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Robertson (29th) made a motion that **SR 427 Do Pass (LC 55 0616)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 427 DO PASS (LC 55 0616)

SR 429 (Sen. Burns, 23rd, LC 60 0148) Senate Addressing Felony Disenfranchisement in Georgia's Constitution Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Max Burns (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Burns (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Jackson (41st) made a motion that **SR 429 Do Pass (LC 60 0148)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 429 DO PASS (LC 60 0148)

SR 444 (Sen. Halpern, 39th, LC 60 0153) Senate Civil Rights Protections Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Halpern (39th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Sen. Jackson (41st) made a motion that **SR 444 Do Pass (LC 60 0153)**. Sen. Jones II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 444 DO PASS (LC 60 0153)

SR 474 (Sen. Orrock, 36th, LC 61 0254) Senate Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Orrock (36th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 4:07 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SR 474 Do Pass (LC 61 0254)**. Sen. Jones II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12-4.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 474 DO PASS (LC 61 0254)

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned Rules Standing Committee meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 4:14 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 38, HB 68, HB 85, HB 113, HB 136, HB 182, HB 192, HB 217, HB 348, HB 351, HB 410, HB 433 and HB 575.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Albers (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion to refer **HB 14, HB 105, HB 117, HB 171, HB 233, and HB 254** from the General Calendar to the Rules Standing Committee. Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 14, HB 105, HB 117, HB 171, HB 233, and HB 254 WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL CALENDAR AND COMMITTED TO RULES

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) returned at 4:14 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Friday, March 28, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Friday March 28, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th) was absent.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 3:44 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 3:45p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) left at 3:47 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) returned at 3:53 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 74, HB 94, HB 114, HB 116, HB 123, HB 137, HB 144, HB 150, HB 153, HB 155, HB 172, HB 199, HB 216, HB 240, HB 253, HB 268, HB 270, HB 288, HB 303, HB 308, HB 322, HB 327, HB 358, HB 399, HB 416, HB 491, HB 495, HB 511, HR 7, and HR 121.**

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Monday, March 31, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Monday, March 31, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) *(Left Early)*
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary, and Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Rules, as an Ex-Officio member, by the Committee on Assignments. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

NOTE: Sen. John Albers (56th) was removed from the Senate Committee on Rules by the Committee on Assignments. A copy of the letter of removal is attached.

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Standing Committee on Rules to order at 8:34 a.m.

SR 431 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 56 0383) Senate Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harrell (40th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 8:37 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 8:37 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **SR 431 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 56 0411S).** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 431 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 56 0411S)

SR 476 (Sen. Halpern, 39th, LC 61 0247) Senate Study Committee on Local School System Flexibility Options; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Halpern (39th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SR 476 Do Pass (LC 61 0247).** Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 476 DO PASS (LC 61 0247)

SR 489 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 62 0208) Senate Study Committee on Inclusive Educational Settings for Students with Disabilities; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Dixon (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dixon (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 8:40 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) who made a motion that **SR 489 Do Pass (LC 62 0208).** Sen. Williams (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 489 DO PASS (LC 62 0208)

HB 14 (Rep. Carpenter, 4th, LC 55 0345) State symbols; cornbread as official state bread; designate

The Chair recognized Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carpenter (4th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) left at 8:41 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) returned at 8:43 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion that **HB 14 Do Pass by Substitute (59 0174S).** Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 14 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 59 0174S)

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

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **HB 117 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 60 0166S).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 117 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 60 0166S)

HB 129 (Rep. Cannon, 172nd, LC 44 2876) Ad valorem tax; bona fide conservation use property; remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities

The Chair recognized Rep. Chas Cannon (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cannon (172nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 8:49 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **HB 129 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 3199S).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 15-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 129 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 3199S)

HB 171 (Rep. Thomas, 21st, LC 48 1512S) Crimes and offenses; obscenity; repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80

The Chair recognized Rep. Brad Thomas (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Thomas (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **HB 171 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 56 0412S).** Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 171 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 56 0412S)

HB 197 (Rep. Hawkins, 27th, LC 46 1010) Insurance; health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to discuss the patient's care; detail the effort

The Chair recognized Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hawkins (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 197 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 46 1247S).** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 197 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 1247S)

HB 225 (Rep. Washburn, 144th, LC 39 4417) Motor vehicles; enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through automated traffic enforcement safety devices; repeal all laws

The Chair recognized Rep. Dale Washburn (144th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Washburn (144th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **HB 225 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 4808S).** Sen. Kennedy (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 225 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4808S)

HB 233 (Rep. Townsend, 179th, LC 39 4510) State symbols; Brunswick stew as the official state stew; designate

The Chair recognized Rep. Rick Townsend (179th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Townsend (179th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **HB 233 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 4802S).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 233 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4802S)

HB 254 (Rep. Buckner, 137th, LC 39 4537) State government; provide placement of Revolutionary War Patriots marker on state capitol building grounds and state archives building grounds

The Chair recognized Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Buckner (137th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 254 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 4805S).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 15-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 254 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4805S)

HB 377 (Rep. Leverett, 123rd LC 49 2079) State symbols; Brunswick stew as the official state stew; designate

The Chair recognized Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Leverett (123rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) left at 9:26 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Kennedy (18th) returned at 9:27 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 377 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 3698S).** Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 377 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 3698S)

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) left early at 9:30 a.m.

HB 445 (Rep. Martin 49th, LC 50 1095) Ad valorem tax; language required to be included in notices of current assessment; revise

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 9:37 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 445 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 50 1268S).** Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11-5.

Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), and Sen. Walker III (20th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 445 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 50 1268S)

HB 454 (Rep. Gaines, 120th, LC 59 0113S) Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Houston Gaines (120th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gaines (120th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **HB 454 Do Pass (LC 59 0113S).** Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 454 DO PASS (LC 59 0113S)

HB 483 (Rep. Prince, 132nd, LC 48 1558S) Crimes and offenses; protections for inspectors of code enforcement; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Max Burns (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Burns (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 483 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 2400S).** Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11-5.

Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Walker III (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (25th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 483 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 2400S)

HB 651 (Rep. Powell, 33rd, LC 39 4729S) Motor vehicles; use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Alan Powell (33rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Powell (33rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 9:43 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) left at 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ginn (47th) who made a motion that **HB 651 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 4807S).** Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 651 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4807S)

HB 652 (Rep. Jones, 25th, LC 59 0122S) Motor fuel tax; electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; provide exception

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) returned at 9:58 a.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Todd Jones (25th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Jones (25th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **HB 652 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 4810S).** Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 652 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4810S)

HB 105 (Rep. Wade, 9th, LC 48 1370-EC) Public officers and employees; increase indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death

The Chair recognized Rep. Will Wade (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wade (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 105 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 48 1615-ECS).** Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 105 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 48 1615-ECS)

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

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March 28, 2025

Mr. James M. Tripp
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. Secretary:

The Committee on Assignments has taken the following actions, all of which are effective immediately:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-3.1(c), Senator John Albers is hereby removed as a member of the Senate Rules Committee.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-3.2, Senator Kay Kirkpatrick is hereby appointed as an ex-officio member of the Senate Rules Committee.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.4, Senator John Albers is hereby removed as the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. He shall remain as a member of that subcommittee. Senator Randy Robertson is hereby appointed as the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Senator John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore

Senator Steve Gooch
Majority Leader

Senator Brandon Beach
Senate District 21

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Senator Matt Brass, Rules Chairman

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Rules
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
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Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. John F. Kennedy (18th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Larry Walker III (20th) *(Arrived Late)*
Sen. Rick Williams (25th), Ex-Officio

Chairman Brass (6th) called the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 12:36 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 12:37 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Walker III (20th) arrived at 12:38 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) left at 12:39 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 12:44 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 12:54 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) returned at 12:44 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 1:14 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Consent Calendar Creating Study Committees: **SR 216, SR 217, SR 255, SR 301, SR 311, SR 323, SR 386, SR 391, SR 393, SR 424, SR 427, SR 429, SR 431, SR 444, SR 474, SR 476, and SR 489.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Rhett (33rd) who made a motion to **create a Consent Calendar of Study Committees** for the next legislative day. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee stood in recess from 1:43 p.m. - 1:46 p.m.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **SB 214, SR 237, HB 14, HB 36, HB 37, HB 54, HB 66, HB 77, HB 79, HB 105, HB 115, HB 117, HB 127, HB 129, HB 131, HB 134, HB 141, HB 148, HB 154, HB 156, HB 162, HB 176, HB 177, HB 179, HB 180, HB 181, HB 185, HB 197, HB 200, HB 219, HB 222, HB 225, HB 233, HB 235, HB 238, HB 244, HB 254, HB 291, HB 296, HB 325, HB 329, HB 339, HB 352, HB 360, HB 370, HB 371, HB 377, HB 397, HB 398, HB 422, HB 443, HB 445, HB 447, HB 454, HB 455, HB 460, HB 463, HB 471, HB 494, HB 506, HB 513, HB 521, HB 532, HB 535, HB 549, HB 567, HB 582, HB 586, HB 630, HB 635, HB 638, HB 645, HB 647, HB 651, HB 652, and HB 718.**

Sen. Anavitarte (31st) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee stood in recess from 1:50 p.m. - 2:38 p.m.

SR 283 was added to the Consent Calendar for Study Committees by unanimous consent.

The following legislation was placed on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day: **HB 78, HB 224, HB 483 and HB 618.**

Sen. Beach (21st) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee stood in recess at 2:42 p.m.
The committee reconvened on April 2, at 8:46 a.m.

The following legislation was placed and added onto the Rules Calendar: **HB 449, HB 516, and HB 530.**

Sen. Ginn (47th) made a motion to place the above legislation on the Rules Calendar for the next Session Day. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Brass (6th) adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Secretary

/s/
Maria Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary