

**GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**  
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**1. HIGHLIGHTS**

Governor Sonny Perdue issued a writ of election for the 10th Congressional District seat, which was vacated last week when Congressman Charlie Norwood passed away. The special election will be held on June 19. Secretary of State Karen Handel set the qualifying date after the conclusion of the General Assembly to allow any state legislators who may run to fulfill their duties in the General Assembly and give candidates an adequate amount of time to campaign.

The vote on the Jekyll Island lease renewal bill (HB214) set for last Wednesday in the House State Institutions and Property Committee was unexpectedly postponed.

House Bill 500 was filed last week by Reps Geisinger, Thomas, Wilkinson, Millar, Willard, and others to amend the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. This bi-partisan legislation would require 50-foot buffers along Georgia's coast to protect the tidal marsh from pollution.

**2. CALENDAR ITEMS**

The week of Monday, February 19th, the Legislature was in session Tuesday through Wednesday. Session convenes again on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Monday 2/26/07

11:00 House Ways & Means Sales Tax Subcommittee 133 CAP (*HB434*)

Tuesday 2/27/07

9:00 House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Comm. Meeting 506 CLOM (*HB522*)

10:00 House Game, Fish & Parks Comm. Meeting 506 CLOB (*HB29, HB418, HB 416, HB510*)

10:30 House Judiciary (Civil) Subcomm. Two 132 CAP (*HB430*)

2:00 House Regulatory & Utility Affairs Subcomm. 515 CLOB (*HB460*)

4:00 House Resolution Subcommittee of Transportation

### Wednesday 2/28/07

1:30 House Environmental Quality Subcomm. 606 CLOB  
2:00 Senate Natural Resources & Env. 450 CAP (*SB3, HB81, SR283, SB176, SB185, SR327*)  
2:00 House State Institutions & Property 406 CLOB  
3:00 House Transportation Comm. 406 CLOB  
4:00 House Econ Dev. & Tourism 310 CLOB (*SB154*)

### Thursday 3/1/07

8:00 House Natural Resources & Environment 606 CLOB  
2:00 Senate Transportation 450 CAP

### Friday 3/2/07

Please check <http://www.legis.state.ga.us/> for updates to the schedule of committee meetings this week.

## **3. CONTACTS**

The environmental community provides many resources, (in addition to this Monitor) to help you stay up to date on legislative issues that affect the environment.

- ▶ To learn about the Georgia Water Coalition's agenda, find your legislators, and get tips on talking and writing to your elected officials, go to <http://www.gwf.org/gawater/legislator.html>
- ▶ To sign up for the Georgia Environmental Action Network to be alerted when environmental action is urgently needed go to <http://www.protectgeorgia.net>

Other helpful numbers that may you might want are House Information (404-656-0305 or 800-282-5800) and Senate Information (404-656-0028 or 800-282-5803). You may also want to look up information, including Committee assignments, or to view the Senate and House Chambers live at [www.legis.state.ga.us](http://www.legis.state.ga.us).

## **4. ANIMALS**

HB 105	Animals; poultry; revise certain provisions	Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, A&CA, Comm. Fav. Rpt. (Sub) 1/30/07, Read 3rd 2/2/07, <b>House Passed 2/2/07</b> , CS
HB 301	Dogfighting; prohibit; punishments; amend provisions	Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, Judy NC
HB 418	Wild animal licenses; water buffalo; add exemption	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07,</i> <i>Read 2nd 2/15/07, GF&amp;P</i>
SB 16	Animal Fighting Act; change certain provisions (PF)	Read 1st 1/10/07, Recommitted 1/22/07, withdrawn from Judy, committed to A&CA

## **5. AGRICULTURE**

HB 248	State sales & use tax; certain fuels; dairy prod.; prov. exemption	Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, W&M
HB 453	Farm owners; agritourism activities; prov. lim. liability	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&amp;M</i>
HR 92	“Forestry Day at the Capitol” February 1, 2007	Read 1st 1/26/07, Rules Comm Fav Rpt 1/29/07, <b>Passed/Adopted 1/29/07</b>
SB 101	Agricultural Facilities; redefine a term	Read 1st 2/2/07, AG&CA
SB 165	Ag. Commodity Comm; rat. of comm; chg certain prov.	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07, AG&amp;CA</i>
<i>SB 176</i>	<i>State Forestry Comm; rpts; chg certain prov.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/20/07, NR&amp;E</i>
SR 135	Forestry Day at the Capitol; recognize	Read 1st 2/1/07 <b>Passed/Adopted 2/1/07</b>

## 6. DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & LAND USE

HB 2	Annexation of territory; establish state policy; prov.	Read 1st 1/10/07, Read 2nd 1/11/07, GAff
HB 33	Metropolitan area planning and dev. commissions	Read 1st 1/9/07, Read 2nd 1/10/07, GAff
HB 36	Landowners; annexation into adjoining co., change prov.	Read 1st 1/10/07, Read 2nd 1/11/07, GAff
HB 46	Annexation of prop.; rezoning; objections to land use; prov.	Read 1st 1/11/07, Read 2nd 1/22/07, Judy
HB 70	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Act	Read 1st 1/22/07, Read 2nd 1/23/07, NR&E
<i>HB 78</i>	<i>Bona fide conservation use property; additional acts</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/22/07, Read 2nd 1/23/07, W&amp;M Comm. Fav. Reported, (S)</i>
HB 109	County and municipality; consolidation; provisions	Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, GAff
HB 123	Municipal territory; deannexation; change certain prov.	Read 1st 1/24/07, Read 2nd 1/25/07, Judy
HB 177	Historic sites; initial inves; state archeologist; notice; req.	Read 1st 1/26/07, Read 2nd 1/29/07, NR&E
HB 198	Income tax credit; certain businesses; biotechnology; provide	Read 1st 1/30/07, Read 2nd 1/31/07, W&M
HB 214	Jekyll Island - State Park Auth.; renewal of prop. lease; prov.	Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, SI&P
HB 232	Georgia Dev. Impact Fee Act; change definitions; prov.	Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, GAff
HB 237	Sales & use tax; water poll. elim. mach. exempt...	Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, W&M
HB 258	DCA; planning procedures; public hearings; provide	Read 1st 2/1/07 Read 2nd 2/2/07, SP&CA
HB 275	Municip. incorp; Gen. Assembly local Acts; prov. reqs.	Read 1st 2/2/07, Read 2nd 2/8/07, GAff

HB 306	Municipal corporations; annexations of territory; provisions	Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, Judy
HB 321	Bona fide conservation use property; assessment; change certain eligibility requirements	Read 1st 2/9/07, Read 2nd 2/10/07, W&M
HB 346	Joint authorities; members; successor nominations; prov.	2/12/07, SP&CA
HB 421	Ad valorem tax; bona fide cons. use prop; chg. certain prov.	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M
HB 430	Property; railroads; provisions	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, Judy
HB 445	Bona fide cons. use prop; buffers adj. to rivers;	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M

[HB 548 Jekyll Island - State Park Authority; certain Island development; restrict](#) by Reps Buckner, Thomas, Porter, Reece, Benfield, and others to amend Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, so as to provide legislative findings and declarations; to define certain terms; to restrict development of certain portions of Jekyll Island; to require the authority to adopt and enforce certain restrictions and requirements on construction of major facilities; to require the authority to impose restrictions and requirements on amounts of impervious surfaces on the island; to require the authority to impose certain restrictions and requirements on golf courses; to require the authority to impose certain restrictions and requirements on irrigation; to require the authority to impose certain height restrictions on buildings; to require the authority to impose certain restrictions on the number of housing units; to provide an effective date; to provide that certain contracts shall not be impaired; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 244	Bona fide conservation use prop; acreage restriction; remove	Read 1st 2/14/07 Read 2nd 2/14/07, W&M
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[HR 271 Soil and Water Conservation Districts; supervisors selection; express objection](#) by Reps Benfield, Brooks, Jamieson, Thomas, Buckner, and others expressing the objection of the House of Representatives to any changes from the current status as to the selection of supervisors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/15/07, Read  
2nd 2/20/07, NR&E*

[HR 323 Georgia Bioeconomic Development Commission; create](#) by Reps Byrd, England, Lunsford, Rogers, and Forster creating the Georgia Bioeconomic Development Commission; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07,  
Read 2nd 2/22/07, S&T*

SB 89	Georgia Township Act; creation	Read 1st 2/1/07, UAff
SB 110	Municipal; deannexation; repeal certain provisions	Read 1st 2/8/07, SLGO(G)
SB 120	<i>State Properties; requirement that acquisitions of real property must be conducted through commission; remove certain exceptions</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/9/07, SI&amp;P, Fav. Rpt. 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, Read 3rd 2/22/07,</i>

*House Passed/Adopted  
2/22/07*

SB 130 Georgia Building Auth.; general prov.; operational powers Read 1st 2/10/07

SB 173 Pipeline Cos; exempt cert. acq.of add. right of way Read 1st 2/20/07, RI&Util  
Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07 (S)

[SB 200 Georgia Smart Infrastructure Growth Act; creation](#) by Senators Grant and Thompson to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for a comprehensive program for the creation of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a board to administer infrastructure development districts; to provide for appointment or election of members of an infrastructure development district board; to provide for levying taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the debt of infrastructure development districts; to provide for bonds, notes, and other obligations of infrastructure development districts; to provide for the form of bonds; to provide for consolidation, termination, or dissolution of infrastructure development districts; to provide for notice of the creation of the district; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, so as to change certain provisions regarding permits for discharging pollutants into waters; to change certain provisions regarding permits for surface-water withdrawal, diversion, or impoundment; to change certain provisions regarding permits for withdrawing, obtaining, or using ground water; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. *Read 1st 2/21/07, SLGO(G)*

[SB 225 Redevelopment; require training with programs; create Redevelopment Powers Training Board](#) by Sens Stoner, Thompson, Jones, Hill and Rogers to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as require training with respect to redevelopment powers, programs, and tax allocation districts; to create the Redevelopment Powers Training Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and authority; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SR 130 Townships; power of zoning/reg. of land use dev; funding CA Read 1st 2/1/07, UAff

SR 249 Public Property; conveyance; granting of easements for facilities Read 1st 2/13/07,  
SI&P, Comm Fav Rpt  
2/21/07, Read 2nd  
2/22/07

[SR 309 Infrastructure Development Districts; provide by general law the creation and comprehensive regulation-CA](#) by Senators Grant and Thompson proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of infrastructure development districts; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes. *Read 1st 2/21/07, SLGO(G)*

## **7. ENERGY & UTILITIES**

HB 59 Sales tax; water and sewer authorities; exempt Read 1st 1/11/07,  
Read 2nd 1/22/07, W&M

HB 186 Sales & use tax; certain alt. fuel facilities; five year exemption Read 1st 1/29/07,

HB 193	Sales and use tax; jet fuel; additional exemption	Read 2nd 1/30/07, W&M Read 1st 1/30/07, Read 2nd 1/31/07, W&M
HB 247	Local gov.; water & sewer systems; change certain prov.	Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, GAff
HB 272	Sales & use tax; nat. or art. gas sales; prov. phased-in exempt.	Read 1st 2/2/07, Read 2nd 2/8/07, W&M
HB 293	Gas Unification & Tax Simplification Act of 2007	Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, W&M
HB 438	Income tax credits; business prop; renewable energy prop.	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M
HB 471	Local gov; priv. const. wtr sys; req. ownership trans.; prohibit	Read 1st 2/20/07, Read 2nd 2/21/07, GAff

[HB 522 Public Service Commission; gas companies; interstate capacity assets; provisions](#) by Reps Roberts, Ehrhart, and McCall to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to provide for discovery in cases involving an application of a gas company to establish a capacity supply plan; to define certain terms; to provide certain requirements for interstate capacity assets which are not retained; to change the Public Service Commission's review of the assignment of interstate capacity assets from annual to periodic; to provide that a marketer may opt out of a capacity supply plan under certain circumstances; to provide requirements for assignments of interstate assets; to provide that orders concerning utilization or monetization of excess interstate capacity assets must provide for fair allocation of the costs; to provide that an electing distribution company must obtain the approval of the commission, after a public hearing, of procedures relating to how it will comply with the required standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 2/21/07,  
Read 2nd 2/22/07, A&CA

[HB 541 Clean and renewable fuels; certain vehicles; certain gov. entities; require use](#) by Reps Smith, Morris, Sims, Williams, Maddox, and others to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to require the use of clean and renewable fuels in certain vehicles operated by certain government entities under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 2/22/07, SP&CA

[HB 577 Affordable Energy Efficient Homes Act of 2007; enact](#) by Reps Smith, Forster, Lewis, Smith, Amerson, and others to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition and computation of income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain energy efficient homes; to provide a short title; to define terms; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 48	Motor fuel taxes; jet fuel; funds from sales & use; prov.	Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, W&M
SB 179	Campaign Contrib; Public Service Commission;	Read 1st 2/20/07, Ethics
SB 180	Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act	Read 1st 2/20/07, RI&Util

[SB 203 Secondary Metals Recyclers; public utilities/transportation; increased penalties](#) by Sens Harp, Staton, Mullis, Shafer, Hamrick and others to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, Code Section 16-8-12, and Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, penalties for certain theft crimes, and general provisions for public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for increased penalties for certain crimes involving public utility property; to change certain provisions relating to inspection by law enforcement officers; to change provisions relating to actions to recover property; to change provisions relating to penalties for violating Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10; to provide for forfeiture of certain property and procedure therefor; to provide for legislative findings and preemption; to provide for the Governor to appoint certain special officers for purposes of investigating certain thefts of public utility property; to provide the special officers power of arrest, compensation, qualifications, bond, and duration of appointment and commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/22/07, RI&Util*

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, POLLUTION & POLICY

HB 42	Coastal Marshlands Protection Act; exempt...private docks	Read 1st 1/11/07, Read 2nd 1/22/07, NR&E
HB 54	Water resources; surface & ground water; permits; chg prov.	Read 1st 1/11/07, Read 2nd 1/22/07, NR&E
HB 55	Water resources; river basins; protection; provisions	Read 1st 1/11/07, Read 2nd 1/22/07, NR&E
HB 68	Coastal Marshlands Protection Act; exempt certain private docks	Read 1st 1/22/07, Read 2nd 1/23/07, NR&E
<i>HB 217</i>	<i>County boards of health; soil reports; modify standards</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, NR&amp;E Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07</i>
HB 392	Spec. lic. plates; The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.; prov.	Read 1st 2/13/07, Read 2nd 2/14/07, MotV
HB 399	Nat. Res., Dept. of; qual.soil scientists; reports; provide	Read 1st 2/13/07, Read 2nd 2/14/07, NR&E
<i>HB 463</i>	<i>Soil erosion and sed; exempt; chg certain prov.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/15/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, NR&amp;E</i>
HR 51	Coastal salt marshlands; urge Bd of Nat. Res. to protect	Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, NR&E
HR 56	U.S. A.C.O.E.; raising full pool for Lake Lanier; urge to study	Read 1st 1/24/07, Read 2nd 1/25/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/2/07, CS, Third Read 2/9/07, <b>Passed/Adopted 2/9/07, CS</b>

[HB 500 Conservation; Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; change provisions](#) by Reps Geisinger, Thomas, Wilkinson, Millar, Willard, and others to amend Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to change certain provision relating to legislative findings and declarations relative to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; to change certain provisions relating to definitions relative to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; to change certain provisions relating to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and its creation, members, powers, per diem and expenses, administrative hearings and review, and permits for minor alterations; to change certain provisions relating to permit required, application, notice, public

hearing, issuance, denial, and dynamic dune fields; to change certain provisions relating to leasing of state owned marshlands or water bottoms; to change certain provisions relating to restriction on granting of permits, size restriction, and activities and structures considered contrary to public interest; to change certain provisions relating to inspection of marshlands; to change certain provisions relating to enforcement of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; to change certain provisions relating to applicability of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; to change certain provisions relating to liability for damages; to provide for inapplicability of Chapter 7 of said title to projects that are subject to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07*

*Read 2nd 2/22/07, NR&E*

[HB 546 Air quality; coal-fired electrical generating facilities; permits; change certain provisions](#) by Reps Buckner and Thomas to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to air quality, so as to change certain provisions relating to permit requirements, applications, issuance, revocation, suspension, or amendment; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

[HB 565 Soil erosion and sedimentation; control; beaver dams; add exemption](#) by Reps Dollar, Lane, and Roberts to amend Code Section 12-7-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from the control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to add an exemption for removal of beaver dams; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

[HB 569 Solid waste; permit requirements; change certain provisions](#) by Reps Beasley-Teague, Brooks, Lucas, Sinkfield, and Mitchell to amend Code Section 12-8-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits for solid waste or special solid waste handling, disposal, or thermal treatment technology facility and inspection of solid waste generators, so as to change certain provisions relating to permit requirement; to provide for authorization by local Act of the General Assembly as a precondition for the granting of a permit for construction of a new landfill; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 87	Georgia's sustainable & env. friendly bus. ; commend	Read 1st 1/24/07, House Passed/Adopted 1/24/07
HR 182	Jekyll Is. Auth, urge to exercise restraint	Read 1st 2/19/07, Read 2nd 2/10/07, SI&P
SB 69	River Basin Protection Act; reg. interbasin trans. of water; in-stream flow policy	Read 1st 1/29/07
SB 116	<i>State Forestry Comm.; qual. of the dir.; change prov.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/9/07, NR&amp;E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07</i>

[SB 185 Watercraft; applicant for certificate of number for vessels purchased outside Georgia; sales/use tax has been paid](#) by Senator Hill to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide that an applicant for a certificate of number for certain vessels purchased outside the State of Georgia must prove by documentation satisfactory to the commissioner of natural resources that the sales and use tax has been paid or is not due; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E*

[SB 187 Environmental Advisory Council; applications for certain variances; change certain provisions](#) by Sens Pearson, Rogers, Whitehead, Sr., Goggans, Wiles and others to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Advisory Council, duties of the council and its members and the director, procedure for aggrieved persons, and inspections, so as to change certain provisions relating to review and approval or denial of applications for certain permits or variances; to provide for applicability and effect; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E*

[SB 197 Waste Management; municipal solid waste disposal facility sites near adjoining counties; repeal certain provisions](#) by Senators Harp of the 29th and Seabaugh of the 28th to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to municipal solid waste disposal facility sites near adjoining counties; to provide restrictions on landfill sites near adjoining counties; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E*

[SB 198 Waste Management; protection for certain governmentally owned public drinking water supply intakes](#) by Senators Harp of the 29th and Seabaugh of the 28th to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to provide protection for certain governmentally owned public drinking water supply intakes or water supply reservoirs; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E*

[SB 221 Solid Waste Management; land disposal sites; permits from Dept. of Nautal Resources; change certain provisions](#) by Sens Bulloch, Tolleson, Chance, Meyer von Bremen, Williams and others to provide for regulation and permitting of land disposal sites that receive septic tank waste and rules and regulations relating thereto; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to change certain provisions relating to permits from the Department of Natural Resources for land disposal sites that receive septic tank waste and rules and regulations relating thereto; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Human Resources, so as to change certain provisions relating to permits from the Department of Human Resources for land disposal sites that receive septic tank waste and rules and regulations relating thereto; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/22/07, NR&E*

[SB 226 Qualified Soil Scientists; evaluations/reports shall be accepted by Dept. of Natural Resources/Dept. Human Resources](#) by Sens Harp, Hill, Hudgens, Chapman and Tolleson to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Natural Resources, so as to provide that evaluations and reports of qualified soil scientists shall be accepted by the Department of Natural Resources for certain purposes; to define certain terms; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Human Resources, so as to provide that evaluations and reports of qualified soil scientists shall be accepted by the Department of Human Resources for certain purposes; to define certain terms; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SR 123            USACOE; urged to begin study; full pool; Lake Lanier            Read 1st 1/31/07, Fav. Rpt.  
2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07  
Read 3rd 2/13/07, Senate  
Passed/Adopted 2/13/07

SR 132	Georgia's sustainable/friendly businesses; commend	Read 1st 2/1/07; Passed/Adopted 2/1/07
SR 243	USACOE; urged to begin a study; storage capacities	Read 1st 2/10/07, NR&E Comm Fav Rpt 2/20/07, Read 2nd 2/21/07, Read 3rd 2/22/07, <b>Passed/Adopted 2/22/07</b>
SR 283	Joint Nonpoint Pollution Control Study Comm; create	Read 1st 2/20/07, NR&E,

[SR 327 Joint Atlantic Coastal Beach Preservation and Maintenance Study Committee; create](#) by Sens Johnson, Chapman, Hill and Tolleson creating the Joint Atlantic Coastal Beach Preservation and Maintenance Study Committee; and for other purposes.

## 10. PARKS & RECREATION

HB 29	Hunting and fishing licenses; exception for nonresidents 65+	Read 1st 1/10/07, Read 2nd 1/11/07, GF&P
HB 81	Salt water fishing; charter fishing guide and pier fishing licenses;	Read 1st 1/22/07, Read 2nd 1/23/07, GF&P, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 1/30/07, Read 3rd 2/2/07, <b>House Passed 2/2/07</b>
HB 100	Shrimp and shrimping; revise various provisions	Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, Comm Fav. Rpt. 1/30/07, GF&P, Read 3rd 2/8/07, <b>House Passed 2/8/07</b> Read 1st (Sen.) 2/8/07, NR&E
HB 142	Nongame species; taking of; add	Read 1st 1/24/07, Read 2nd 1/25/07, GF&P
HB 239	Bd of Nat. Res.; rules; game & fish crim. violations...	Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, GF&P, Fav. Rpt. 2/13/07, Read 3rd 2/20/07, <b>House Passed/Adopted 2/20/07</b>
HB 466	Game & fish; certain deer mgmt. prgms; permits; prov.	Read 1st 2/15/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, GF&P
SB 3	Hunting; provide for veterans' lifetime sportman's license; fees	Read 1st 1/10/07, NR&E
HR 29	Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol, proclaim January 10	Read 1st 1/11/07, Senate Passed 1/11/07

## 11. TRANSPORTATION

HB 161	Right of way acq.; additional method; definitions; prov.	Read 1st 1/25/07, Read 2nd 1/26/07, W&M
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HB 173	Sales & use tax; local option; trans.; special districts; prov.	Read 1st 1/25/07 Read 2nd 1/26/07, W&M
HB 192	<i>Department of Transportation; contracts; provisions.</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/30/07 Read 2nd 1/31/07, Trans, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/8/07, Recom. to Trans 2/14/07, Fav Rpt. by Sub. Read 3rd 2/21/07, <b>House Passed/Adopted (CS)</b> Senate Read 1st 2/22/07</i>
HB 268	Georgia Rail Passenger Authority; certain article; repeal	Read 1st 2/2/07, Read 2nd 2/8/07, Trans
HB 269	Commuter rail project; app. funding; provide referendum	Read 1st 2/2/07, Trans Read 2nd 2/8/07, Trans
HB 307	Income tax credit; personal mass trans. exp.; provide	Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, W&M
HB 434	Regional sales and use tax; transportation; provisions	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&amp;M</i>
HB 442	Sales & use tax; trans; state-wide 1% tax; provide	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&amp;M</i>
HR 149	Jt. Study Comm. on Commuter Rail Svc. from Atlanta to West Point, create	Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, Trans
HR 150	House Study Comm. on Commuter Rail Svc. from Atlanta to West Point, create	Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, Trans
HR 245	Recycling Svcs; commend; encourage Hwy Const to use recycled	Read 1st 2/14/07 Read 2nd 2/15/07, Trans
SB 19	Transportation, Department of; pay costs of removal, relocation, adj. of utility facilities necessitated by construction of public roads	Read 1st 1/9/07, TRANS Comm. Fav. Rpt. 1/24/07, Read 2nd 1/25/07, Read 3rd 1/26/07 <b>Senate Passed 1/26/07</b> House Read 1st 1/29/07, Read 2nd 1/30/07, Trans

[SB 233 Roads; collections, expenditures and exemptions with respect to revenue; change certain provisions](#) by Senators Thompson and Stoner to amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to change certain provisions regarding collections, expenditures, and exemptions with respect to certain revenue regarding roads; to change certain provisions regarding priority of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund; to change certain provisions regarding allocation of state and federal road funds; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SR 263	Commuter Rail; Athens to Atlanta; urging US Congress to fund	Read 1st 2/14/07 Trans
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## 12. KEY

S or H – before a committee means Senate or House

A&CA – Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

ECD – Economic Development

EDU – Education

Gaff – Governmental Affairs

GF&P – Game, Fish & Parks

H&HS – Health & Human Services

JUDY – Judicial (Senate)

JudyC – Judicial Civil (House)

JudyNc – Judicial Non-Civil (House)

MotV – Motor Vehicles

NR&E – Natural Resources & Environment

RI&Util – Regulated Industries & Utilities

TRANS – Transportation

W&M – Ways & Means

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