

LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

TRACKING ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION IN GEORGIA

Week 8, Days 25-27

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1. HIGHLIGHTS

The General Assembly Takes a Two Week Break:

Wednesday, February 28th the General Assembly passed House Resolution 473 and announced that they will take a two week break. If the federal government does not provide funds for PeachCare, the shortfall will likely be made up with funds from Governor Perdue's recommended \$50 million for land conservation and \$19 million for Go Fish Georgia.

Upcoming Session Schedule

Fri, March 2—Sun, March 18:	In Adjournment
Monday, March 19:	In Session (Day 28)
Tuesday, March 20:	In Session (Day 29)
Wed, March 21—Mon, March 26:	In Adjournment
Tuesday, March 27:	In Session (Day 30)
Wednesday, March 28:	In Session (Day 31)
Thursday, March 29:	In Session (Day 32)
Friday March 30:	In Session (Day 33)
Sat, March 31—Mon, April 9:	In Adjournment
Tuesday, April 10:	In Session (Day 34)
Wednesday, April 11:	In Session (Day 35)
Thursday, April 12:	In Session (Day 36)
Fri, April 13—Mon, April 16:	In Adjournment
Tuesday, April 17:	In Session (Day 37)

Georgia Ethanol Plant to Receive Federal Funds:

The Office of the Governor announced Wednesday February 28th, that “The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that Range Fuels, Inc., a Colorado-based cellulosic ethanol company, will receive federal funding to build Georgias first wood-based cellulosic ethanol plant in Treutlen County.”

Briefly:

- Private cities legislation passes out of committee (SB 200, SR 309)
- Senate passed the pipeline bill 43-11 Thursday (SB 173) and it moves to the House.
- Billboard bills in both houses (HB 610, SB 256)
- House Resolutions dropped to create a House Climate Study Committee (HR 422), recognize May 27, 2007 as “Rachel Carson Day” (HR 466), create a Coastal Georgia Beach Preservation Trust Fund (HR 471) and a Transportation Trust Fund (HR 509)

2. CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Monday 3/5/07

Tuesday 3/6/07

1:00 Georgia State Properties Commission Meeting, Office of the Gov. 203 CAP

2:00 Appropriations Economic Development Subcommittee 506 CLOB

(07 Budget: DOT, GRTA, Ag., Comm. Aff., Econ. Dev., Ports, GWCC, Forestry, PSC, Soil & Water)

Wednesday 3/7/07

2:30 House Trans. St. Hwys. Subcomm. 606 CLOB (HR 245)

3:00 House Trans. Comm. 606 CLOB (HR 245)

Thursday 3/8/07

Friday 3/9/07

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.

4. ANIMALS

<i>HB 105</i>	<i>Animals; poultry; revise certain provisions</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/23/07, Read 2nd 1/24/07, A&CA, Comm. Fav. Rpt. (Sub) 1/30/07, Read 3rd 2/2/07, House Passed 2/2/07, CS Senate Read 1st 2/8/07 AG&CA, Comm. Fav. Rpt. (Sub) 2/27/07, 2nd Read 2/28/07</i>
HB 301	Dogfighting; prohibit; punishments; amend provisions	Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, Judy NC
<i>HB 418</i>	<i>Wild animal licenses; water buffalo; add exemption</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, GF&P, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07</i>
<i>SB 16</i>	<i>Animal Fighting Act; change certain provisions (PF)</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/10/07, Recommended 1/22/07, withdrawn from Judy, committed to A&CA, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07, 2nd Read 2/28/07, 3rd Read 3/1/07, S Passed/Adopted (CS) 3/1/07</i>

5. AGRICULTURE

HB 248	State sales & use tax; cert. fuels; dairy prod.; prov. exempt.	Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, W&M
HB 453	Farm owners; agritourism activities; prov. lim. liability	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M

[HB 584 Agritourism activities; regulation; provisions](#) by Reps Hill, McCall, and England to amend Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale of agricultural and forest products, so as to provide for the regulation of agritourism activities; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations regarding liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/27/07, Judy,
Read 2nd 2/28/07*

[HB 593 Bona fide conservation use property; agritourism; change certain provisions](#) by Reps Hill, McCall, and England to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to change certain provisions regarding bona fide conservation use property with respect to agritourism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/28/07, W&M,
Read 2nd 3/1/07*

[HB 649 Georgia Blueberry Commission; create](#) by Reps Smith, Williams, Lane, Sims, and Shaw to amend Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Agricultural Commodities Promotion Act," so as to create the Georgia Blueberry Commission; to define certain terms; to provide for membership, appointment, election, terms, and compensation; to provide for

powers; to provide for organization; to provide for the receipt, collection, and disbursement of funds; to provide for an audit; to provide for liability; to provide for marketing orders; to provide for notice and hearing; to provide for publication of a certain report; to provide for the levying and collection of assessments; to provide for the maintenance of records; to provide for compliance; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07, A&CA

HR 92 "Forestry Day at the Capitol" February 1, 2007

Read 1st 1/26/07, Rules
Comm Fav Rpt 1/29/07,
Passed/Adopted 1/29/07

SB 101 *Agricultural Facilities; redefine a term*

*Read 1st 2/2/07, AG&CA,
Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07 (S),
Read 2nd 2/28/07, 3rd Read
3/1/07, S Passed/Adopted
(CS) 3/1/07,*

SB 165 *Ag. Commodity Comm; rat. of comm; chg certain prov.*

*Read 1st 2/14/07, AG&CA,
Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07,
Read 2nd 2/28/07*

SB 176 *State Forestry Comm; rpts; chg certain prov.*

*Read 1st 2/20/07, NR&E,
Comm. Fav. Rpt. (S) 3/1/07*

[SB 272 Agricultural/Forest Products; limited liability for owners/operators of farms offering agritourism under certain circumstances](#) by Sens Bulloch and Pearson to amend Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale of agricultural and forest products, so as to provide limited liability for owners and operators of farms offering agritourism activities under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for warnings and notices; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07 AG&CA

SR 135 Forestry Day at the Capitol; recognize

Read 1st 2/1/07

Passed/Adopted 2/1/07

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

HB 78 *Bona fide conservation use property; additional acts*

*Read 1st 1/22/07,
Read 2nd 1/23/07, W&M
Comm. Fav. Reported (S)
2/21/07, Read 3rd 2/27/07, H
Passed/Adopted 2/27/07*

		(CS), Senate Read 1st 2/28/07, FIN
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	<i>Hist. sites; initial inves; state archeologist; notice; req.</i>	Read 1st 1/26/07, Read 2nd 1/29/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07 (S)
HB 198	Income tax credit; certain businesses; biotechnology; prov.	Read 1st 1/30/07, Read 2nd 1/31/07, W&M
HB 214	Jekyll Island - State Park Auth.; renew. 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	<i>Bona fide cons. use prop; assess; chg cert. elig. req.</i>	Read 1st 2/9/07, Read 2nd 2/10/07, W&M, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07
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	<i>Jekyll Is. - State Park Auth; certain Island dev; restrict</i>	Read 1st 2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28
HR 244	Bona fide conservation use prop; acreage restriction; remove	Read 1st 2/14/07 Read 2nd 2/14/07, W&M
HR 271	Soil & Water Cons. Dist; supervisors selection; exp. obj.	Read 1st 2/15/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, NR&E
HR 323	Georgia Bioeconomic Development Commission; create	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>	Read 1st 2/9/07, SI&P,

		<i>Fav. Rpt. 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, Read 3rd 2/22/07, Senate Passed/Adopted 2/22/07, House Read 1st 2/27/07, SI&P, Read 2nd 2/28/07</i>
SB 130	<i>Georgia Build. Auth.; general prov.; operational powers</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/10/07, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/28/07 (S), Read 2nd 3/1/07</i>
SB 173	<i>Pipeline Cos; exempt cert. acq.of add. right of way</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/20/07, RI&Util Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07 (S), Read 2nd 2/27/07, Read 3rd 3/1/07, Senate Passed/Adopted 3/1/07 (CSFA)</i>
SB 200	<i>Georgia Smart Infrastructure Growth Act; creation</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/21/07, SLGO(G), Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07 (S)</i>
SB 225	<i>Redev; req. trng w/prgms; create Redev. Pwrs Trng. Bd</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/27/07, Recommitted 2/28/07 withdrawn from Econ Dev. and recommitted to FIN)</i>
SR 130	<i>Townships; pwr of zoning/reg. of land use dev; funding</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/1/07, UAff</i>
SR 249	<i>Pub. Prop.; conveyance; grant. of easements for facilities</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/13/07, SI&P, Comm Fav Rpt 2/21/07, Read 2nd 2/22/07</i>
SR 309	<i>Infrastructure Dev. Dist; prov. by gen. law...</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/21/07, SLGO(G), Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07 (S)</i>

7. ENERGY & UTILITIES

HB 59	<i>Sales tax; water and sewer authorities; exempt</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/11/07, Read 2nd 1/22/07, W&M</i>
HB 186	<i>Sales & use tax; certain alt. fuel facilities; five yr. exempt.</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/29/07, Read 2nd 1/30/07, W&M</i>
HB 193	<i>Sales and use tax; jet fuel; additional exemption</i>	<i>Read 1st 1/30/07, Read 2nd 1/31/07, W&M, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07 (S), Read 3rd 3/1/07, House Passed/Adopted 3/1/07 (CS)</i>
HB 247	<i>Local gov.; water & sewer systems; change certain prov.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/1/07, Read 2nd 2/2/07, Gaff, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07 (S), Read 3rd 3/1/07, House Passed/Adopted 3/1/07 (CS)</i>
HB 272	<i>Sales & use tax; nat. or art. gas sales; prov. phased-in exempt.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/2/07, Read 2nd 2/8/07, W&M</i>
HB 293	<i>Gas Unification & Tax Simplification Act of 2007</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, W&M</i>
HB 438	<i>Income tax credits; business prop; renewable energy prop.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/14/07,</i>

HB 471	Local gov; priv. const. wtr sys; req. ownership trans...	Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M Read 1st 2/20/07, Read 2nd 2/21/07, GAff
HB 522	PSC; gas companies; interstate capacity assets; prov.	Read 1st 2/21/07, Read 2nd 2/22/07, A&CA, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07 (S)
HB 541	Clean & renew. fuels; cert. vehicles; cert. gov. ent; req. use	Read 1st 2/22/07, SP&CA, Read 2nd 2/27/07, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07, Recommitted 3/1/07 to SP&CA by Rules
HB 577	Affordable Energy Efficient Homes Act of 2007; enact	Read 1st 2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28/07
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, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/27/07 (S)
SB 180	Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Act	Read 1st 2/20/07, RI&Util
SB 203	Secondary Metals Recyclers; pub. util./trans. inc. pen.	Read 1st 2/22/07, RI&Util Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07 (S)

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
HB 217	County boards of health; soil reports; modify standards	Read 1st 1/31/07, Read 2nd 2/1/07, NR&E Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07
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
HB 463	Soil erosion and sed; exempt; chg certain prov.	Read 1st 2/15/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, NR&E
HB 500	Conservation; CMPA of 1970; change provisions	Read 1st 2/21/07 Read 2nd 2/22/07, NR&E
HB 546	Air qual; coal-fired elec. gen. facil.; permits...	Read 1st 2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28/07, NR&E
HB 565	Soil erosion and sed; control; beaver dams; add exempt.	Read 1st 2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28/07, NR&E
HB 569	Solid waste; permit requirements; change certain prov.	Read 1st 2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28/07, NR&E

[HB 596 Water pollution control; surface water returns; regulate](#) by Reps Smith, Lane, Royal, Morris, and Hanner to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of water pollution and surface water use, so as to regulate the return of surface waters to the sources from which they were withdrawn by local government entities; to provide for reports; to provide penalties for violations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/28/07, NR&E,
Read 2nd 3/1/07*

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, Passed/Adopted 2/9/07, CS
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

[HR 390 National Wildlife Federation's Earth Tomorrow program; commend](#) by Representative Jones of the 44th

*Read 1st 2/22/07, **House
Passed/Adopted 2/22/07***

[HR 422 House Climate Study Committee; create](#) by Reps Drenner, Sinkfield, Thomas, and Porter to create the House Climate Study Committee; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/28/07, NR&E
Read 2nd 3/1/07*

[HR 466 "Rachel Carson Day"; May 27, 2007; recognize](#) by Reps Drenner, Thomas, and Porter recognizing May 27, 2007, as "Rachel Carson Day"; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 2/28/07, Rules

[HR 471 Coastal Georgia Beach Preservation Trust Fund; create - CA](#) by Reps Day, Stephens, and Harbin proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the creation of a Coastal Georgia Beach Preservation Trust Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for the purposes of restoring, managing, and preserving Georgia's coastal beaches; to provide for payments into the trust fund; to provide for the applicability of certain provisions of the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07, NR&E

SB 69	River Basin Protection Act; reg. interbasin trans. of water; in-stream flow policy	Read 1st 1/29/07
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SB 116	State Forestry Comm.; qual. of the dir.; change prov.	Read 1st 2/9/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/22/07, Read 2nd 2/27/07, Read 3rd 2/28/07, Senate Passed/ Adopted 2/28/07 (FA)
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SB 185	Watercraft; app. for cert. vessels purch. outside GA tax pd.	Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07 (S)
SB 187	Env. Adv. Council; app. for cert. variances; chg. prov.	Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E
SB 197	Waste Mgmt; mun. solid waste disp. fac. near adj. counties	Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E
SB 198	Waste Mgmt; prot. gov. pub. drinking wtr supply...	Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E
SB 221	Solid Waste Mgmt; land disp. sites; permits from DNR...	Read 1st 2/22/07, NR&E
SB 226	Qual. Soil Scientists; eval./rpt. accepted by DNR/DHR	Read 1st 2/27/07, NR&E

[SB 263 Soil/Water Conservation Districts; number/boundaries; alteration of existing districts/formation of new districts; change certain provisions](#) by Sens Bulloch and Tolleson to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil and water conservation districts, so as to change certain provisions relating to number and boundaries of soil and water conservation districts, alteration of existing districts, and formation of new districts; to change certain provisions relating to district supervisors and the number, appointment, qualifications, terms, and county election basis thereof; to change certain provisions relating to district supervisors and procedures for certain elections thereof; to change certain provisions relating to district supervisors and the chairperson, terms of elected offices, filling of vacancies, quorum, compensation, and expenses thereof; to provide for submission; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07, NR&E

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, Passed/Adopted 2/22/07
SR 283	Joint Nonpoint Pollution Contol Study Comm; create	Read 1st 2/20/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07
SR 327	Joint Atlantic Coast. Beach Pres. & Maint. Study Comm.; create	Read 1st 2/22/07, NR&E, Comm. Fav. Rpt. 3/1/07

[SR 377 Jekyll Island Authority; redevelopment of resort/facilities; to exercise great caution/restraint](#) by Sens Chapman and Thomas urging the Jekyll Island Authority to exercise the greatest caution and restraint in its supervision of the necessary redevelopment of resort and other facilities on the island; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07, SI&P

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
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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, House Passed 2/2/07
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, House Passed 2/8/07 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, House Passed/Adopted 2/20/07 , Senate Read 1st 2/21/07, NR&E
HB 466	Game & fish; certain deer mgmt. prgms; permits; prov.	Read 1st 2/15/07, Read 2nd 2/20/07, GF&P
HR 29	Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol, proclaim January 10	Read 1st 1/11/07, Passed 1/11/07
SB 3	Hunting; provide for vet. lifetime sportman's license; fees	Read 1st 1/10/07, NR&E

11. TRANSPORTATION

HB 161	Right of way acq.; additional method; definitions; prov.	Read 1st 1/25/07, Read 2nd 1/26/07, W&M
HB 173	Sales & use tax; local option; trans.; special districts; prov.	Read 1st 1/26/07 Read 2nd 1/29/07, W&M
HB 192	Department of Transportation; contracts; provisions.	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, House Passed/Adopted (CS) Senate Read 1st 2/22/07
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

HB 307	Income tax credit; personal mass trans. exp.; provide	Read 2nd 2/8/07, Trans Read 1st 2/8/07, Read 2nd 2/9/07, W&M
HB 434	Regional sales and use tax; transportation; provisions	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M
HB 442	Sales & use tax; trans; state-wide 1% tax; provide	Read 1st 2/14/07, Read 2nd 2/15/07, W&M

[HB 610 Outdoor advertising signs; highways; certain height limitations; provisions](#) by Reps Smith, McCall, Channell, Rogers, Everson, and others to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor advertising signs on the interstate system, primary highways, and other highways, so as to provide for certain height limitations on such outdoor advertising signs and for certain conditions for lowering of existing signs in excess of such height limitations; to provide for certain changes in the sizes of trees permitted to be trimmed or removed from the viewing zones of such signs and for certain changes to the extent of such viewing zones; to provide that where relocation of a sign is required but conflicts with local zoning or land use ordinances, compensation shall be paid to the owner of such sign by the jurisdiction imposing such ordinances; to provide for matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*Read 1st 2/28/07, Trans,
Comm. Fav. Rpt. 2/28/07,
Read 2nd 3/1/07*

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

[HR 509 Transportation Trust Fund; create - CA](#) by Reps Smith and Floyd proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the creation of a Transportation Trust Fund

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 Senate Passed 1/26/07 House Read 1st 1/29/07, Read 2nd 1/30/07, TRANS
<i>SB 233</i>	<i>Rds; collect, expend. and exempt. re rev; chg cert. prov.</i>	<i>Read 1st 2/27/07, TRANS</i>

[SB 256 Outdoor Advertising Signs; height limitations; conditions for lowering of existing signs](#) by Sens Mullis, Heath, Pearson, Thomas, Rogers and others to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor advertising signs on the interstate system, primary highways, and other highways, so as to provide for certain height limitations on such outdoor advertising signs and for certain conditions for lowering of existing signs in excess of such height limitations; to provide for certain changes in the sizes of trees permitted to be trimmed or removed from

the viewing zones of such signs and for certain changes to the extent of such viewing zones; to provide that where relocation of a sign is required but conflicts with local zoning or land use ordinances, compensation shall be paid to the owner of such sign by the jurisdiction imposing such ordinances; to provide for matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 2/28/07, TRANS

[SB 282 Highway System; alternative tourism routes; creation](#) by Sens Mullis, Smith, Schaefer, Thomas, Hamrick and others to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state highway system, so as to provide for the creation of alternative tourism routes; to provide for the designation of such routes; to provide for the construction and maintenance of welcome centers on such routes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 3/1/07, TRANS

SR 263 *Commuter Rail; Athens to Atlanta; urging US Congress to fund* *Read 1st 2/14/07*

*Trans, Comm. Fav. Rpt.
2/27/07, Read 2nd 2/28/07,
Read 3rd 3/1/07, Senate
Passed/Adopted 3/1/07*

[SR 365 Transportation Funding; create joint study committee](#) by Sens Mullis, Pearson, Whitehead, Sr., Hill, Goggans and others creating the Joint Study Committee on Transportation Funding; and for other purposes.

Read 1st 2/28/07, TRANS

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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