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Committees: Banks & Banking, Economic Development, Industrial Relations

Water: Water has become a hot button legislative issue in Georgia. The importance of this natural resource became even more evident over the summer, which was the driest ever. Now is the time for federal, state, and local governments to collaborate on resolving this crisis. I am confident this can happen. We just need leadership, vision, and full cooperation from the private sector, government, and residents. In all honesty, our mentality with regard to water consumption is going to have to change. We need to understand that water is not an infinite resource. Government can play a role in changing how we use water by offering incentives to homes and businesses. Those who proactively employ new techniques, purchase equipment, or take some other substantive step to minimize water consumption should be compensated for their actions. Tax incentives can also lead to innovation and the development of new goods and services capable of meeting the challenge we now all face. Overall, we must establish a sustainable water conservation policy and other viable solutions that are practical, fair and effective.

Transportation: This year we have an excellent opportunity to finally develop a comprehensive statewide transportation plan. With the governor, GRTA, the legislature, local governments, and the private sector all collectively agreeing

