

## **Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians**

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 1:00pm

Floyd Room – Sloppy Floyd Building

### **Council Members in Attendance:**

Bradford Dickson – Tarpley and Underwood

Roy Fickling – Fickling & Company

A.D. Frazier – Affiance LLC

Gerry Harkins - 2010 Chair, National Federation of Independent Business

Dr. Jeffrey Humphreys – University of Georgia

D.E. “Skeeter” McCorkle – McCorkle Nurseries

Dr. Christine Ries – Georgia Tech

Suzanne Sitherwood -2010 Chair, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Dr. David Sjoquist – Georgia State University

Dr. Roger Tutterow – Mercer University

### **Meeting Minutes:**

- **1:05pm Meeting called to order by AD Frazier**
  - Recommendations are a little more far reaching than originally expected.
  - Report is due on Monday and will include comments/recommendations relating to personal income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax exemptions and increases, communications services, motor fuel taxes, insurance, and cigarette taxes.
  - The council tried to remain as revenue neutral as possible.
  - Report recommendations incorporated current tax thinking among other states, competitiveness with other states, and the ability for businesses and governments to plan and depend on what will be there.
  - Hope to look at property taxes at a later date because they are believed to be punishing toward Georgia’s citizens
  
- Review of the presentation given in Athens, Georgia at biennial.
  
- Meeting concluded at approximately 1:30 pm.