

# Bug Bytes

*By Valera Jesse*

## GEORGIA PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION

2034 Beaver Ruin Road,

PO Box 2108

Norcross, GA 30071

770/417-1881—800/465-9827—FAX 770/417-1419

[GPCA.ORG](http://GPCA.ORG)

Issue 3, February 8, 2010

### HOUSE BILL 1048 – WDO INSPECTION REQUIRED

For more than two years, our Association leaders have wrestled with the demise of the WDO inspection report as a contract requirement when a home is sold. Understanding the strength of the Realty industry only frustrated us more. But, we haven't been idle. During the time we have sought and received tremendous support from government agencies, the University of Georgia, consumers and many politicians.

Finally, just before Christmas we visited Representative Tom McCall (Chairman of the House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee) to seek his advice. The meeting was short and sweet. He said doing away with the letter was foolish. He gave our lobbyist, Skin Edge, a handwritten note to take to legislative counsel and asked that legislation be drafted which would require the inspection.

We left the meeting in disbelief. Was it the timing, was it the homework we had done – whatever it was, everything fell into place quickly. We eagerly awaited the actual legislation, honestly holding our breath that we hadn't been dreaming.

Then – last week everything hit the fast track –

Monday, February 1 – we got our first look at HB 1048

Wednesday, February 3 – the Bill passed through the House Ag & Consumer Affairs Committee – unanimously.

Now, HB 1048 is in the House Rules Committee. This committee decides what Bills move to the House floor for vote. It is crucial that 1048 moves forward. Many many bills have been lost in the abyss of the Rules Committee.

So – attached with this email is a list of all the people who serve on the Rules Committee. Please contact your Representative. {Constituents are VERY VERY important}. Also, special attention should be given to Speaker Ralston and Chairman Hembree.

We don't know when the Rules Committee might consider 1048 for vote. So make your calls and send your emails as quickly as possible.

We'll let you know when it is time to call any and all Representatives – this will be when the legislation [hopefully] goes to the Floor of the House. **For now – call the Rules Committee!!!!**