

# **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL, PAROCHIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
March 29, 2012

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Girod Jackson III, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. in House Committee Room 6 of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Girod Jackson III,  
Chairman  
Representative Robert E. Billiot,  
Vice Chairman  
Representative Austin Badon  
Representative Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Jared Brossett  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Roy Burrell  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Kenneth E. Havard  
Representative Dalton Honoré  
Representative Barbara M. Norton  
Representative Stephen J. Ortego  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Clifton R. Richardson

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney  
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary  
Arletha Penn, Committee Clerk  
Bryan Vincent, Division Director  
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst  
E. Anne Dunn, Director

Joyce Anthony, Sergeant at Arms  
Mattie Franklin, Sergeant at Arms  
Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms

### **III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

#### **House Bill No. 629 by Representative Barrow**

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 629 by Representative Barrow, which provides relative to the powers of the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Present in support of the bill was Mr. Eric Sunstrom, representing himself, 10731 Hill Point Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 819-2616, [esun13@cox.net](mailto:esun13@cox.net).

Present in opposition to the bill was Mr. Woody Jenkins, representing the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge, 910 North Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 921-1433, [woodyjenkins@hotmail.com](mailto:woodyjenkins@hotmail.com).

#### **House Bill No. 975 by Representative Badon**

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 975 by Representative Badon, which provides relative to the governing board of the Lake Barrington Subdivision Improvement District, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

#### **House Bill No. 640 by Representative Girod Jackson III**

Chairman Girod Jackson III presented House Bill No. 640, which re-creates the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Providing information on behalf of the department were Deputy Secretary Randy Davis and Mr. Jacques Berry, communication director, representing the office of the lieutenant governor, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7009, [ltgov@crt.la.gov](mailto:ltgov@crt.la.gov); and Ms. Desireé Honoré Thomas, representing the office of the lieutenant governor, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8201, [dhonore@crt.la.gov](mailto:dhonore@crt.la.gov).

Mr. Eldon Rogillio, representing the Louisiana Restaurant Association, 218 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-1195, was present in support of House Bill No. 640 but did not wish to speak.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report House Bill No. 640 favorably, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to place House Bill No. 640 on the Local and Consent Calendar. No objection was made and the motion was carried by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voting yea.

**House Bill No. 998 by Representative Girod Jackson III**

House Bill No. 998 provides relative to investments by political subdivisions and was presented by the author.

Mr. Larry Sisung, representing The Sisung Group, 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 4240, New Orleans, LA 70170, (504) 544-2700, [larry@sisung.com](mailto:larry@sisung.com), spoke in support of House Bill No. 998. Mr. Chris Coulon, representing Adams and Reese, LLP and The Sinsung Group, 701 Poydras Street, Suite 4500, New Orleans, LA 70139, (504) 581-3234, [chris.coulon@arlaw.com](mailto:chris.coulon@arlaw.com), was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report House Bill No. 998 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to place House Bill No. 998 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voting yea.

**House Bill No. 145 by Representative Wesley Bishop**

The author presented House Bill No. 145, which creates the North Kenilworth Improvement and Security District in Orleans Parish.

Ms. Judy Sneed, representing North Kenilworth, 8201 Lomond Road, New Orleans, LA 70126, (504) 246-8913; and Ms. Earl Pierre, representing the North Kenilworth Homeowners Association, 8311 Aberdeen Road, New Orleans, LA 70126, (504) 245-3408, were present in support of the bill.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 145 favorably. There was no objection and the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. The members voting yea were Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, and Pugh. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 145 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no one objected, and the motion was carried by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 250 by Representative Anders**

The author presented House Bill No. 250, which provides relative to the Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 250 favorably, to which there was no objection. The motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, and Pugh voted yea. Representative Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 250 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 256 by Representative Anders**

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 256, which provides relative to per diem paid to members of the governing board of the Concordia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1.

Ms. Rebecca Bradley, representing the Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, [RBradley@LHAonline.org](mailto:RBradley@LHAonline.org), was present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 256 favorably. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 256 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voting yea.

**House Bill No. 865 by Representative Barrow**

Representative Barrow presented House Bill No. 865 relative to the Capital Area Transit System, to provide for membership, qualifications, procedure for appointment, appointment of new members, and powers and duties of the board of commissioners.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to adopt an amendment that added the Baton Rouge Black Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana AFL-CIO to the groups or entities that will submit nominees for appointment of board members. There were no objections to the amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow,

Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Rev. Raymond Jetson, representing the Baton Rouge Transit Coalition, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168, [rayjetson@bellsouth.net](mailto:rayjetson@bellsouth.net), was present and spoke in support of House Bill No. 865.

Mr. Isaiah Marshall, representing himself, 10621 North Oak Hills Parkway, Suite 3, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 343-4240, [imarshall@sableint.net](mailto:imarshall@sableint.net), was present and provided information entitled, "Together Baton Rouge. Transit Fact Sheet" (Exhibit A).

Present in support of House Bill No. 865 but not wishing to speak were Mr. Eric Sunstrom, representing himself, 10731 Hill Point Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 819-2616, [esun13@cox.net](mailto:esun13@cox.net); Mr. Erin Monroe Wesley, representing the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, 564 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168, [erin@brac.org](mailto:erin@brac.org); and Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, [kevin.hayes@arlaw.com](mailto:kevin.hayes@arlaw.com).

Speaking against House Bill No. 865 were Mr. Woody Jenkins, representing the Republican Party of Louisiana, 910 North Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 921-1432, [woodyjenkins@hotmail.com](mailto:woodyjenkins@hotmail.com), who presented a document entitled, "A Few Notes on CATS ..." (Exhibit B); Ms. Elizabeth Dent, representing Taxbusters.US, 1055 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, [lizdent@bellsouth.net](mailto:lizdent@bellsouth.net), who presented a document entitled, "PROPOSED CATS TAX: 10.6 Mil on April 21st" (Exhibit C); Mr. Alex Velasquez, representing Taxbusters.US, 14906 Currency Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 571-1746, [AlexVelasquez@cox.net](mailto:AlexVelasquez@cox.net); Ms. Glenda Pollard, representing Taxbusters.US, (225) 383-9916, [glendapollard@cox.net](mailto:glendapollard@cox.net), and Ms. Karla Doucet, representing herself, 2272 Hollydale Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 938-6724, [karlamdoucet@yahoo.com](mailto:karlamdoucet@yahoo.com).

Present in opposition to House Bill No. 865 but declining to speak were Ms. Kathryn Witty, representing Taxbusters.US, (225) 757-1999; and Mr. Stephen Kauffman, representing Advocacy Center, 8225 Florida Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-8884.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 865 with amendments, to which Representative Havard objected. The secretary called the roll. By a vote of 13 yeas and 3 nays, the motion to report House Bill No. 865 passed with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Norton, and Ortego voting yea; Representatives Havard, Pugh, and Willmott voted nay.

### **House Bill No. 334 by Representative Brossett**

Representative Brossett presented House Bill No. 334, which provides relative to the records and subpoena powers of certain local ethics entities. Mr. Edouard Quatrevaux, representing the office of inspector general, City of New Orleans, 525 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130,

(504) 681-3212, [equatrevaux@nolaoig.org](mailto:equatrevaux@nolaoig.org), presented a document entitled, "Legislative Package HB334" (Exhibit D), spoke in support of the bill. Speaker Pro Tempore Walt Leger III provided testimony in support of House Bill No. 334.

Present in support of House Bill No. 334 but declining to speak were Ms. Suzanne Wisdom, representing the office of inspector general, City of New Orleans, 525 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 681-3224, [swisdom@nolaoig.org](mailto:swisdom@nolaoig.org); Mr. Christian Rhodes, representing the Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region, 1615 Poydras Street, Suite 252, New Orleans, LA 70112, (225) 802-7567; and Ms. Carla Gendusa, representing the Orleans Parish office of inspector general, 877 Homedale Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 681-3209, [cgendusa@nolaoig.org](mailto:cgendusa@nolaoig.org).

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 334 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Norton, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 334 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which there was no objection and the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voting yea.

#### **House Bill No. 254 by Representative Brossett**

House Bill No. 254 creates the Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Security District in Orleans Parish and was presented by the author.

Representative Badon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 254 favorably, to which there was no objection. The motion was carried by a vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 254 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, and Ortego voting yea.

#### **House Bill No. 430 by Representative Brossett**

The author presented House Bill No. 430, which authorizes the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority to purchase adjudicated properties located within its territorial jurisdiction from political subdivisions of the state.

Mr. Jeff Hebert, representing the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 600, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 658-5050, spoke in support of the bill. Present in support of the bill and to provide information if requested was Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 806-2522.

Representative Honoré offered a motion to report House Bill No. 430 favorably. There was no objection. The motion was carried by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 430 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 181 by Representative Geymann**

On behalf of the author, Representative Brossett presented House Bill No. 181, which increases the membership of the governing board of the Beauregard Parish Fire Protection District No. 2.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 181 favorably. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voting yea; Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 181 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, and Ortego voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 579 by Representative Ortego**

Representative Ortego presented House Bill No. 579, which provides relative to the official working language and certain designations of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

Present to provide information if requested were Mr. Joseph Dunn, representing CODOFIL, 217 West Main Street, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 262-5985, [jdunn@crt.la.gov](mailto:jdunn@crt.la.gov), and Ms. Pam Breaux, representing the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 242-8200, [pbreaux@crt.la.gov](mailto:pbreaux@crt.la.gov).

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 579 favorably, to which there were no objections. The motion was carried by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention with

Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voting yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 579 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 by Representative Ortego**

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 requests that state agencies, when translating information from English to French, make every effort to make such translations using Louisiana French and was presented by the author.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 favorably, to which no objection was made and the motion was carried by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Chairman Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Concurrent Resolution on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

*(House Concurrent Resolution No. 46 was not placed on the Local and Consent Calendar per House Rule No. 8.21A.)*

#### **House Bill No. 131 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 131, which provides relative to public hearings held by municipal governing authorities regarding zoning regulations and restrictions.

Representative Pugh offered amendments that change present law relative to master plans adopted by municipal and parish planning commissions by modifying the requirement that except in Orleans Parish, certified copies of the plan or part thereof be filed with the division of administration, with the local legislative body, and with the clerk of court of the parish to require that certified copies of a summary of the plan or part thereof be filed. There was no objection to the amendments, which were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Mayor Mayson Foster, representing the City of Hammond, 310 East Charles Street, Hammond, LA 70401, (985) 277-5601, [mayor@hammond.org](mailto:mayor@hammond.org), spoke in support of the bill.

Present in support of House Bill No. 131 but declining to speak were Mr. Don Nijoka, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, P.O. Box 4327, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-5001, [dnijoka@lma.org](mailto:dnijoka@lma.org); Mr. Mike Cross, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, P.O. Box 4327, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 774-2915; Mr. Lenny Kopowski, representing the American Planning Association, 4847 Revere, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (504) 606-8635, [lkopowski@xoc.net](mailto:lkopowski@xoc.net), and Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-5001, [jgallagher@lma.org](mailto:jgallagher@lma.org).

Present in opposition to the bill but not wishing to speak was Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing the Louisiana Landowners Association, Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, [kevin.hayes@arlaw.com](mailto:kevin.hayes@arlaw.com).

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 131 with amendments, and without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

#### **House Bill No. 309 by Representative James**

Representative James presented House Bill No. 309, which creates the Park Forest Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to adopt amendments to House Bill No. 309 which (1) make changes to the district's boundaries; (2) authorize the board to increase the amount of the parcel fee one time without election not less than five years after the approval of its initial imposition; and (3) limit the maximum amount of the parcel fee, if renewed, to \$200 per parcel per year and limit the term of the imposition of the renewed fee to 10 years. There were no objections to the amendments, which were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 309 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

#### **House Bill No. 217 by Representative Pugh**

House Bill No. 217 provides relative to per diem paid to members of the governing board of the Tangipahoa Parish Sewerage District No. 1 and was presented by the author.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 217 favorably, to which there was no objection and the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place House Bill No. 217 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

#### **House Bill No. 320 by Representative Danahay**

The author presented House Bill No. 320, which provides relative to the disposition of surplus library books by the Calcasieu Parish Library.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 320 favorably, to which there were no objections and the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to place House Bill No. 320 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

#### **House Bill No. 456 by Representative Burrell**

House Bill No. 456, relative to revision of local government laws pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 218 of the 2009 Regular Session, repeals certain obsolete or ineffective provisions and was presented by Representative Burrell.

Mr. "Hal" Mark Levy, representing the Louisiana State Law Institute, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Room W127, University Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1016, (225) 578-0200, was present and provided information to the committee.

Representative Burrell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 456 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to place House Bill No. 456 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which there were no objections and the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

**House Bill No. 252 by Representative Ponti**

House Bill No. 252 provides relative to the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish and was presented by Representative Barrow on behalf of the author.

Representative Burrell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 252 favorably. There were no objections to the motion, which passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Burrell offered a motion to place House Bill No. 252 on the Local and Consent Calendar. No objection was made, and the motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Girod Jackson III, Chairman

Date Approved: