

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL, PAROCHIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
2012 Regular Session
April 12, 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 10:42 a.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 Stephen J. Ortego
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Clifton R. Richardson
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara M. Norton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Vanessa Forrest, Sergeant at Arms
Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 657 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 657, which provides with respect to the qualifications of the state archaeologist.

Present to provide information on the bill was Mr. Jacques Berry, representing the office of the lieutenant governor, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7009, ltgov@crt.la.gov.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered amendments relative to the proposed qualifications of the state archeologist specifying that the required master's degree is a minimum requirement and deleting the requirement that the required master's degree shall be a master of arts degree. There was no objection to the amendments, which were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Ortego offered a motion to report House Bill No. 657 with amendments, to which there were no objections. The motion was carried by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 179 by Representative Leger

House Bill No. 179, relative to historic preservation districts and landmark commissions in New Orleans, removes and provides with respect to certain exemptions from the application of laws relative to such districts and commissions and was presented by the author.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 179 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 179 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 1119 by Representative Harrison

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 1119, which authorizes hospital service districts to operate facilities outside of the district's boundaries, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Mr. Mark Beckstrom, representing Ochsner Health Systems, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA, (504) 842-3228, mbeckstrom@ochsner.org; Mr. Milton D. Bourgeois, Jr., representing Ochsner St. Anne General Hospital, LaFourche Hospital, and District #2, 2975 Highway 308, Raceland, LA 70394, (985) 537-8377, m.bourgeois@ochsner.org; Mr. Ronnie Duncan, representing Catholic Health Association, (225) 761-1561, rduncan@chal-coalition.com; and Mr. Jim Harris, representing Ochsner, 721 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-0881, were present in opposition to the bill.

House Bill No. 973 by Representative Harrison

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 973, which creates a hospital service district, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 335 by Representative Lorusso

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 335, which provides for an exemption from occupational license tax in Terrebonne Parish, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 1105 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 1105, which authorizes certain parish governing authorities to pay a commissioner's fee to members of the governing board of any hospital service district located in the parish, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 415 by Representative Dove

Chairman Girod Jackson III stated that House Bill No. 415, which provides for an exemption from occupational license tax in Terrebonne Parish, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 106 by Representative Dove

The author presented House Bill No. 106, which provides relative to the position of police chief in the city of Houma.

Parish President Michel H. Claudet, representing Terrebonne Parish, Government Tower, (985) 873-6401, mhclaudet@tpcg.org; and Police Chief Todd M. Duplantis, representing the City of Houma Police Department, 500 Honduras Street, Houma, LA 70360, (985) 873-6306, tduplantis@tpcg.org, spoke in support of the bill. Parish President Claudet presented Resolution No. 12-002 from the Terrebonne Parish Council in support of the legislation (Exhibit A).

Present in support of House Bill No. 106 but not wishing to speak were Mr. Fabian Blache, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261; Ms. Cassie Hughes, representing the Louisiana Chiefs of Police, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033; and Representative

Lenar Whitney, representing Louisiana House District 53, 300 Watson Avenue, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 858-2970.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 106 were Mr. Chris Nassif, representing the Louisiana Union of Police, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 715-2930; and Mr. Patrick Theriot, representing the Houma Police Association, 506 Gaynell Drive, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 637-9478, ptmotor222@gmail.com.

Present in opposition to House Bill No. 106 but not desiring to speak were Mr. Correy Beal, representing the Houma Police Association, 506 Gaynell Drive, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 381-2387, limeswick@comcast.net; Mr. Croix Dejormeaux, representing Lake Charles police, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA (351) 274-7398; Mr. Michael A. Scott, representing the Houma Police Association, 215G Southland Circle, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 665-7133; and Ms. Nicole Voisin, representing the Houma Police Association, 2924 Mango Avenue, Gray, LA 70359, (985) 637-5673, divva191@att.net.

Representative Honoré offered a motion to report House Bill No. 106 favorably. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 684 by Representative Pylant

House Bill No. 684 provides with respect to service charges imposed by fire protection districts in Franklin Parish and was presented by the author.

Representative Girod Jackson III proposed amendments to House Bill No. 684 removing the proposed law that authorizes an exception from present law for the Crowville Fire District #1 regarding notification to property owners prior to the placement of liens for unpaid fire protection service charges. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voting yea.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 684 with amendments, to which no one objected. The motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 242 by Representative Harris

Representative Harris presented House Bill No. 242, which provides relative to the position of deputy chief of police in the city of Alexandria.

Vice Chairman Billiot is in the chair.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 242 were Alexandria Chief of Police Loren M. Lampert, 1000 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, LA, (318) 441-6400, loren.lampert@cityofalex.com; and Mr. Fabian Blache, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261.

Chairman Girod Jackson III is in the chair.

Present in support of the legislation but declining to speak were Ms. Cassie Hughes, representing the Louisiana Chiefs of Police, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033; Ms. Kay Michiels, chief operating officer of the City of Alexandria, P.O. Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309, (318) 449-5002; and Mr. Cedric Green, representing the Alexandria Police Department, 1000 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, LA, (317) 441-6495, cedric.green@cityofalex.com.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 242 were Mr. Chris Nassif, representing the Louisiana Union of Police, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 715-2930; Mr. Joshua Peppers, representing the Alexandria Police Officers Association, 650 McKeithen Drive, Alexandria, LA, (318) 880-8275, JPMC74@yahoo.com; and Captain Larry Coutee, representing the Alexandria Police Union, 6412 Audubon Oaks Drive, Alexandria, LA, (318) 487-9262, LarryCoutee@gmail.com.

Mr. Craig Dejourmeaux, representing the Lake Charles Police Department, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 274-7398, was present in opposition to the legislation but did not wish to speak.

Representative Harris voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 242.

House Bill No. 900 by Representative Dixon

House Bill No. 900 authorizes the governing authority of Rapides Parish to provide zoning regulations and restrictions in Rapides Parish Police Jury District D and was presented by the author, who distributed a copy of a letter of support for the bill from the Rapides Parish Police Jury (Exhibit B).

Ms. Angelina Isles, representing the Pineville Chamber of Commerce, District D, Pineville, LA, (318) 484-3851, spoke in support of House Bill No. 900.

Present in support of the legislation and representing District D in Pineville, LA, were Ms. Doretha Jones and Ms. Andréa C. Martin, both of whom declined to speak. No further identification was provided.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 900 favorably. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 900 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which there were no objections and the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voting yea.

House Bill No. 414 by Representative Barrow

The author presented House Bill No. 414, which changes the name of the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Providing information as requested was Mr. Paul Arrigo, president of the Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau, 359 Third Street, Baton Rouge, (225) 383-1825. Mr. Eldon Rogillio, representing the Louisiana Restaurant Association, 217 Laurel Street, 70801, (225) 344-1195, was present in support of the legislation, but declined to speak.

Representative Honoré offered a motion to report House Bill No. 414 favorably. There was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 414 on the Local and Consent Calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 843 by Representative Lorusso

At the request of the author, Representative Brossett presented House Bill No. 843, which provides relative to the purpose, governance, and funding of the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Brossett proposed amendments that: make changes to the district's board by increasing the number of appointments by legislators, reducing the number of appointments by the property owners association, and removing an appointment by the assessor; and prohibit district board members from serving more than two consecutive terms. There were no objections to the

amendments, which were carried by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report House Bill No. 843 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 107 by Representative Richardson

House Bill No. 107 creates the Hampton Village Crime Prevention and Improvement District within East Baton Rouge Parish and was presented by the author, who proposed amendments that: (1) make changes to the district's board, providing for appointments by the mayor and governing authority of Central rather than the mayor and governing authority of Baton Rouge; (2) relative to the collection of the parcel fee, removes a provision that requires the sheriff to collect and maintain the proceeds of the fee in a separate account until disbursed to the district; (3) relative to the collection of the parcel fee, requires that all fees, rather than unpaid fees, be added to the tax rolls of the parish; and (4) requires that the collection of the fee be enforced in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as all ad valorem taxes rather than as unpaid ad valorem taxes. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Richardson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 107 with amendments, to which there were no objections, and the motion was carried by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 410 by Representative Fannin

Representative Billiot presented House Bill No. 410, which provides relative to the membership on and powers of the board of commissioners of a recreation district in Jackson Parish, at the request of the author.

Representative Girod Jackson III proposed amendments to House Bill No. 410 that make changes to the initial terms of the district's new board members. No one objected to the amendments, which were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays with Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voting yea.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 410 with amendments, to which no objections were made, and the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 497 by Representative Barras

The author presented House Bill No. 497, a Constitutional Amendment that authorizes the city of New Iberia to grant contracts for the exemption of property annexed by the city.

Representative Barras distributed a copy of Resolution 12-22 adopted by the New Iberia Board of Trustees (Exhibit C) in favor of House Bill No. 497.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 497 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Barras offered a motion to place House Bill No. 497 on the Local and Consent Calendar and without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea, and Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 493 by Representative Barras

House Bill No. 493 authorizes certain municipalities to grant contracts for the exemption of property annexed by the city and was presented by the author.

Representative Barras distributed a copy of Resolution 12-22 adopted by the New Iberia Board of Trustees (Exhibit C) in favor of House Bill No. 493.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 493 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Barras offered a motion to place House Bill No. 493 on the Local and Consent Calendar and without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea; Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 871 by Representative Arnold

The author presented House Bill No. 871, which requires voter approval before local governing authorities may impose civil fines for traffic violations captured by automated traffic enforcement systems.

Vice Chairman Billiot is in the chair.

Mr. Adrian L. Bruneau, representing himself, 145 Robert E. Lee Boulevard, Suite 206, New Orleans, LA, (504) 390-6220, adrianbruneau@gmail.com, spoke in support of the legislation.

Chairman Girod Jackson III is in the chair.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the City of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, braxton@sostrategy.com; and Mr. Tom Ed McHugh, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-5001, tmchugh@lma.org, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 871.

Representative Brossett is in the chair.

Mr. Dee Stanley, representing the City of Lafayette, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA, (337) 291-8311, deestanley@lafayettela.gov; and Mr. John Price, assistant administrative officer representing the City of Baton Rouge, 11752 Five Oaks Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, jprice@brgov.com, spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Representative Girod Jackson III proposed an amendment that specified an effective date for the legislation of January 1, 2013. There were no objections to the amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea.

Chairman Girod Jackson III is in the chair.

Present in opposition to the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Richard Rees, representing the Lafayette Police Department, 900 East University Avenue, Lafayette, LA, (337) 291-8627, rrees@lafayettegov.net; Mr. Fabian Blache, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261; Mr. Ty Bromell, representing the Police Jury Association, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-2835; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing the City of Lafayette, P.O. Box 52129, Lafayette, LA, (337) 336-4143; Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing the City of Baton Rouge, 453 Lafayette Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900, Bud@coursonnickel.com; Ms. Cassie Hughes, representing the Louisiana Chiefs of Police, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033; Mr. Mike Cross, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806,

(225) 774-2915; Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001, jgallagher@lma.org; Mr. George Marretta, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-5001, Ms. Gloria L. Williams, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001, gwilliams@lma.org; and Ms. Paulette Bailey-Wilson, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 4919 Jamestown Road #103, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 925-2040.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to report House Bill No. 871 with amendments, to which Representative Billiot objected and offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer House Bill No. 871. Representative Willmott objected to the substitute motion. The secretary called the roll. By a vote of 12 yeas and 5 nays, the substitute motion was passed and House Bill No. 871 was involuntarily deferred. Representatives Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea; Representatives Badon, Brown, Havard, Willmott, and Girod Jackson III voted nay.

House Bill No. 412 by Representative Johnson

The author presented House Bill No. 412, which statutorily substitutes the city of Bunkie, in lieu of a certain population range, as the taxing authority authorized to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 412 favorably. Without objection, the motion was carried 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, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea; Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 412 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no objection was made and the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea.

House Bill No. 706 by Representative Berthelot

The author presented House Bill No. 706, which provides relative to the authority granted to the mayor pro tempore and other persons to perform the duties of the mayor in his absence.

Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 344-5001, jgallagher@lma.org, spoke in support of the legislation.

Present in support of the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Tom Ed McHugh, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806,

(225) 344-5001, tmchugh@lma.org; Mr. Don Nijoka, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, P.O. Box 4327, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-5001, dnijoka@lma.org; Mr. Mike Cross, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 774-2915; Ms. Paulette Bailey-Wilson, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 4919 Jamestown Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 925-2040; and Mayor Clarence Fields, representing the City of Pineville, 910 Main Street, Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 449-5650.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 706 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to place House Bill No. 706 on the Local and Consent Calendar. There were no objections, and the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Pugh, and Richardson voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 801 by Representative Montoucet

The author presented House Bill No. 801, which provides relative to the reemployment of employees who have resigned or retired from the classified service due to injury.

Present in favor of the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Nicholas Felton, president of the New Orleans Fire Fighters Association, 3520 General De Gaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Terry Castille, representing fire fighters, 102 Nestling Cove, Carencro, LA 70520, (335) 344-2384; Mr. Arnold Lowther, representing the Professional Fire Fighters Association (no address given); Mr. Fabian Blache, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 North 10th Street, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-3261; and Ms. Cassie Hughes, representing the Louisiana Chiefs of Police, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033.

Representative Honoré offered a motion to report House Bill No. 801 favorably, to which there were no objections, and the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Richardson voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 956 by Representative Badon

House Bill No. 956, which authorizes the levy and collection of a parcel fee within the area of the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission, was presented by the author.

Representative Badon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 956 favorably. Without objection, the motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to place House Bill No. 956 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no one objected and the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 545 by Representative Pearson

At the request of the author, Ms. Jennifer McMahon, representing the Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 892-8383, presented House Bill No. 545.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report House Bill No. 545 favorably. There were no objections. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Richardson, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 545 on the Local and Consent Calendar, to which no objection was made. The motion was carried by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays, with Representatives Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Girod Jackson III, Ortego, Richardson, and Willmott voting yea.

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 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Girod Jackson III, Chairman
Date Approved: