

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Minutes of Meeting
2012 Regular Session
Monday, April 16, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in House Committee Room 6 of the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman
Representative Bryan Adams
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Christopher Broadwater
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Mickey J. Guillory
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Eddie J. Lambert
Representative Nick Lorusso
Representative Harold L. Ritchie
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Lenar L. Whitney

Members Absent:

Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative Richard T. Burford
Representative Lowell C. Hazel
Representative Patrick C. Williams
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Alison Pryor, Committee Attorney
Ms. Elise Read, Committee Analyst
Ms. Karen Stephens, Committee Secretary
Ms. Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 319 by Representative Montoucet

Representative Montoucet presented House Bill No. 319, which would provide relative to the salary of the assessor in Lafayette Parish.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 319 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 319 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, and Whitney.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to place House Bill No. 319 on the local and consent calendar, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 319 was placed on the local and consent calendar by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, and Whitney.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the bill is attached. (see Exhibit "A")

Senate Bill No. 140 by Senator Alario

On behalf of Senator Alario, Representative Adams presented Senate Bill No. 140, which would increase the amount the Jefferson Parish Assessor is allowed for clerical and other expenses.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 140 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 140 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, and Whitney.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 140 on the local and consent calendar, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 140 was placed on the local and consent calendar by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, and Whitney.

Present to speak in support was Mr. Tom Capella, Jefferson Parish Assessor, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 1100, Gretna, LA 70053, (504) 362-4100.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the bill is attached. (see Exhibit "B")

Senate Bill No. 556 by Senator Erdey

On behalf of Senator Erdey, Representative Robideaux presented Senate Bill No. 556, which would provide for donations of tax refunds to the Alliance for the Advancement of End of Life Care through a check off box on state income tax returns.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 556 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 556 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Adams, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, and Whitney.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Elizabeth Harper, representing Hospice, P.O. Box 84566, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, (225) 287-4020.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the bill is attached. (see Exhibit "C")

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, to which there was no objection. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux

Date approved: _____