

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Minutes of Meeting
2012 Regular Session
Monday, May 7, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Patrick C. Williams, vice chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. in House Committee Room 6 of the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Representative Patrick C. Williams, Vice Chairman
Representative Bryan Adams
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative Christopher Broadwater
Representative Richard T. Burford
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Mickey J. Guillory
Representative Lowell C. Hazel
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann
Representative Eddie J. Lambert
Representative Nick Lorusso
Representative Harold L. Ritchie
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Lenar L. Whitney
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

Members Absent:

Representative Joel C. Robideaux,
Chairman
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Robert A. Johnson

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

Senate Bill No. 177 by Senator Adley

On behalf of Senator Adley, Mr. John Gallagher, Mr. Johnny Koch, and Ms. Pam Mitchell presented Senate Bill No. 177, which would provide relative to the statutorily required publication of notice of an ad valorem taxation millage adjustment.

Representative Patrick Williams offered a set of amendments to make technical changes to the title and to clarify the language of the bill. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Broadwater, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

Representative Hoffmann offered a set of amendments to change the size of the ad from two inches to two columns. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 177 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 177 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

Present to speak in support were Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 N. Tenth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 281-3573; and Mr. Johnny Koch and Ms. Pam Mitchell, representing the Louisiana Press Association, 404 Europe Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-9309.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

Date approved: _____