

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
May 2, 2013

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 12:46 p.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Taylor F. Barras

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary
R. Jared Evans, Central Staff Attorney
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst
Bryan D. Vincent, Division Director
E. Anne Dunn, Director

Susan Broussard, Sergeant at Arms
Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms
Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 327 by Representative Arnold

Representative Arnold presented House Bill No. 327, which provides relative to the powers and duties of the Algiers Development District.

Representative Ortego offered a set of amendments to:

1. Clarify that property owned by the district that was formerly owned by the U.S. Dept. of Navy is the property known as Federal City and to specify that the contiguous property referred to in proposed law refers only to property owned by the district on April 1, 2013.
2. Narrow a provision granting the district an exception from laws applicable to immovable property. Also to limit the exception and an authorization to take action with respect to immovable property without approval of another public entity to the redevelopment of Federal City.
3. Add a requirement that the district comply with all applicable zoning and permitting ordinances of the city of New Orleans in developing property pursuant to proposed law. To add another requirement that property be developed in accordance with a master plan approved by the district, a joint development committee of Federal City, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the commissioner of administration.
4. Add a requirement that the assets and income derived from the development of property pursuant to proposed law be used solely for the benefit of the district and all projects within the district.

Representative Ortego offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Submitting a witness card to provide information if requested was Mr. Fred Chevalier, representing Algiers Development District, 8555 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 248-2046.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 327 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 217 by Representative Arnold

Representative Arnold presented House Bill No. 217, which requires voter approval prior to the imposition of civil fines for traffic violations based on evidence captured by automated traffic enforcement systems. He presented a copy of an email he had received (Exhibit B) and a set of articles, letters, and research data he had compiled (Exhibit C) relative to House Bill No. 217.

Testifying in opposition to the legislation were Mr. Dee Stanley, chief administrative officer for the city of Lafayette, P.O. Box 4017C, Lafayette, LA 70509, (337) 291-8311; Mr. Tom Ed McHugh, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-5001; and Mr. Mike Knaps, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 2209 Debra Drive, Baker, LA, (225) 775-3106.

Submitting witness cards in opposition to House Bill No. 217 but declining to speak were Mr. Rodney Braxton, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166; Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick, representing chiefs of police, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing the city of Lafayette, P.O. Box 52125, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4143; Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 336-5200; Mr. Chris Nassif, representing the Louisiana Union of Police, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. John Gallagher, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001; Mr. Bud Courson, representing East Baton Rouge Parish, 453 Lafayette, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6500; and Mr. Mike Cross, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-5001.

Representative Norton offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 217. Representative Willmott offered a substitute motion to report House Bill No. 217 favorably, to which there was objection. The secretary called the roll, and the substitute motion to favorably report House Bill No. 217 failed by a vote of 5 yeas, 10 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Badon, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Honore, Norton, Ortego, and Pugh voted nay. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

The committee took no further action on House Bill No. 217.

House Bill No. 657 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 657, which requires New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits to make permits and other information available on the Internet.

Speaking in support of the legislation was Ms. Meg Lousteau, representing the Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents, and Associates, Inc., 816 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504)

621-4080 and Ms. Carol Allen, representing the Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents, and Associates, Inc., 816 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 522-5261.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 657 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 657 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 399 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 399, which provides relative to the offices of state examiner and deputy state examiner of the municipal fire and police civil service.

Speaking in opposition to the legislation was Captain Tommy Black, representing the Magnolia State Peace Officers Association, 5038 North Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71107.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 399 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 290 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 290, which provides relative to ad valorem taxes for fire and police protection in Orleans Parish.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, representing the city of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 (225) 381-0166, did not speak but submitted witness cards in support of the legislation.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 290 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 290 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays.

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

House Bill No. 179 by Representative Henry Burns

Representative Henry Burns presented House Bill No. 179, which authorizes the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to levy an additional hotel occupancy tax within the jurisdiction of the bureau. Representative Burns presented email communications (Exhibit A) in support of the bill.

Representative Burrell offered a set of amendments to require a majority vote of the electors of Caddo and Bossier Parishes on a proposition to authorize the levy of a tax; lower the rate of the proposed tax increase; narrow the scope of the bill to division one football; and make technical changes. Representative Burrell offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Burrell offered a set of amendments to limit the jurisdiction of the bill to the boundaries of Louisiana House of Representatives House District No. 9. Representative Burrell offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Testifying in support of the legislation were Mr. Keith Bergeron, representing the Independence Bowl, 404 Pollard, Shreveport, LA 71106; Ms. Missy Setters, representing the Independence Bowl Foundation, 10711 Misty Circle, Shreveport, LA 71106; Rev. Lindy Broderick, representing the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318-677-2500; State Representative Jeff Thompson, Louisiana House District No. 8; State Representative Alan Seabaugh, Louisiana House District No. 5, 610 Marshall Street, Suite 200, Shreveport, LA 71101; Ms. Markey Pierre, representing the city of Shreveport, 401 Market, Suite 530, Shreveport, LA, and Mr. Steven Jackson, representing the city of Shreveport, office of the mayor, 505 Travis, Shreveport, LA 71101.

Submitting witness cards in support of the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Jim Napper, office of the state treasurer, (225) 342-0029; State Representative Patrick Williams, Louisiana House District No. 4; State Representative Thomas Carmody, Louisiana House District No. 6, 5918 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 862-9956; State Senator Barrow Peacock, Louisiana Senate District No. 37; Mr. Kyle McInnis, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 1080 Avery Street, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 865-2572; Mr. Hakiem R. Mishoe, representing Stirling Properties, 310 Ford Road, Shreveport, LA; Mr. Michael P. Brantley, representing Stirling Properties, 8921 Castle Dole Loop, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 797-4393; Mr. Wes Shepherd, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 517 Carnaby Court, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 771-1415; Ms. Brittany Shepherd, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 517 Carnaby Court, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 218-2450; Mr. Albert Tucker, 5110 Hollywood, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 636-7777; Ms. Caroline Roy,

representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 233 Roma Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105, (318) 286-7796; Ms. Crystal Lear, 5110 Hollywood, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 636-7777; Mr. Mike McCarthy, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 9801 Jennifer Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 798-1489; Mr. Todd Reeves, 5110 Hollywood, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 636-7777; Mr. Byrom Day, 5110 Hollywood, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 636-7777; Ms. Helen S. McCarthy, 9501 Jennifer Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 798-1489; Mr. Keith Wilhite, president, Wilhite Electric Co., Inc. 4450 Viking Loop, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 747-3780; Mr. Kerry Lake, president, K Lake's Distributing, LLC, 114 Couples Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 741-1002; Ms. Brenda L. Clark, 297 Nesbitt, Stonewall, LA 71078, (318) 925-1888; Mr. Ricky Adams, representing Wilhite Solar Solutions, LLC, 2400 Prestwick Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 747-3750; Mr. Cross Ross, representing Electric Supply Company, 935 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; Ms. Sarah Rogers, representing ESP Advertising, 2210 Line Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 773-3421; Mr. Tim Wilhite, chairman, Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance, 4450 Viking Loop, Bossier City, LA, (318) 747-3780; Mr. David L. Rogers, representing Rogers Advertising, 2210 Lane Avenue, Shreveport, LA, (318) 773-3419; Mr. Patrick Meehan, representing BNB Systems, 917 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, LA, (318) 620-8276; Mr. Gene Baugh, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, P.O. Box 1725, Shreveport, LA 71166, (318) 458-1133; Mr. Andrew Pringle, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 552 Dunrotelard Drive, Shreveport, LA, (318) 347-5227; Mr. Robert Wilson, representing AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, (318) 631-0060; Mr. Rocky Cascio, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl / Cascio's Market Bistro, 2750 Shad Road, Bossier City, LA; Mr. Robb Brazzel, 3704 Sligo Road, Haughton, LA 71037; Ms. Melinda Brazzel, 3704 Sligo Road, Haughton, LA 71037, (318) 505-8679; Mr. Andrew M. Shehee, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 1818 Marshall Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 222-0048; Ms. Glinda Erler, representing AdvoCare V100 Bowl, 1611 South Lexington Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111; Mr. Arthur Carmody, representing the Independence Bowl Foundation, 1011 Eve Street, Shreveport, LA 71106; and Mr. Rodney Braxton, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166.

Testifying in opposition to the House Bill No. 179 were Mr. Tom Lubbe, representing the Shreveport Bossier Hotel Motel Association, 5485 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA 71129, (318) 549-2000; Mr. Rob Brown, representing Horseshoe Casino, 711 Horseshoe Boulevard, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 742-0711; Mr. Bill Langkopp, representing the Louisiana Hotel and Lodging Association, 201 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70170, (504) 525-9326; Mr. Wade Duty, representing the Louisiana Casino Association, P.O. Box 3801, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-0037; Mr. Tom McPherson, representing Boyd Gaming / Sam's Town Shreveport, 12550 Brookshire Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, (225) 272-1669; Mr. Randy Haynie, representing Horseshoe Casino and Hotel, P.O. Box 5212, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4147; Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing Horseshoe Casino Hotel, P.O. Box 32124, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 336-4143; Ms. Sherry Stuckey, 1200 Georgia Street, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 741-9090; and Ms. Gina Goings, representing Sam's Town Shreveport / Boyd Gaming, 1445 Lakeridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 326-1244.

Representative Burrell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 179 with amendments. Representative Norton offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 179, to which there was objection. The secretary called the roll. The motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 179 passed by a vote of 8 yeas, 5 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Barrow, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Burrell, Havard, and Honore voted nay. Chairman Girod Jackson III abstained.

House Bill No. 550 by Representative Thierry

Representative Thierry presented House Bill No. 550, which creates the My Safe Louisiana Home Program within the Louisiana Housing Corporation and provides for funding of the program.

Testifying in support of the legislation was Mr. Robert Wooley, representing Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 336-5200.

Submitting witness cards in support of House Bill No. 550 but declining to speak were Ms. Jody Boudreaux, representing Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 8064 Summa Avenue, Suite C, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 766-7770; Ms. Natalie S. Cooper, representing Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 8064 Summa Avenue, Suite C, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 766-7770; Ms. Clarissa Preston, representing Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200; Mr. David Tatman, representing independent insurance agents, 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 767-7640; and Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 550 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place House Bill No. 550 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 197 by Representative Greene

At the request of Representative Greene, Mr. Daryl Purpera, representing the legislative auditor's office, 1600 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 334-3839, presented House Bill No. 197, which provides relative to fiscal administrators for political subdivisions, including appointment, powers and duties, and criminal penalties for violations of law relative to public administrators.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered for adoption an amendment to House Bill No. 197 in the form of a substitute bill to reorganize provisions of the original bill, specify that violations of the law relative to fiscal administrators are prima facie evidence of malfeasance, and specify that the fiscal administrator's authority to act to return the political subdivision to financial stability is to be in accordance with laws, regulations, and policies applicable to the political subdivision. Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Submitting a witness card in support of the legislation and to provide information if requested was Mr. Rick McGimsey, representing the office of the attorney general, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 326-6022.

Mr. John Gallagher and Mr. Tom Ed McHugh, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001; and Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700, were present in support of the legislation but did not wish to speak.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report House Bill No. 197 by substitute. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 663 by Representative Harris

Representative Harris presented House Bill No. 663, which provides relative to certain employment lists established and maintained by the municipal fire and police civil service board and provides for the removal of employees during the working test period.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a set of amendments to make proposed law provisions that increase the maximum period of time for which a name may remain on the promotional employment list in the classified police service applicable to promotional employment lists in the classified fire service. Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Testifying in support of the legislation were Mr. Chris Nassif, representing the Louisiana Union of Police, 1332 Lakeridge Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA; Chief Mike Knaps, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 2209 Debra Drive, Baker, La 70714, (225) 775-3106; and Mr. Chad Major, representing Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 572-8483.

Mr. Craig Desurmeaux, 1332 Lakeridge Drive, Lake Charles, LA (337) 308-8097; Mr. Tom Ed McHugh, representing the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-5001; and Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 344-5001 submitted witness cards in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Mr. Robert S. Lawrence, representing the office of the state examiner, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 901, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-7097, submitted witness cards to provide information if requested.

Testifying in opposition to House Bill No. 663 was Captain Tommy Black, Sr., representing the Magnolia State Peace Officers Association, 5088 North Market Street, Lafayette, LA 70501, (866) 518-3201.

Submitting a witness card in opposition to the bill but declining to speak was Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing Jefferson Parish, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 663 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 706 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Bill No. 706, which provides relative to the levy of an additional sales and use tax within the city of Shreveport.

Mr. Steven Jackson, representing city of Shreveport mayor's office, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 673-2516, spoke in support of the legislation.

Submitting witness cards in support of House Bill No. 706 but declining to speak were Fire Chief Craig Mulford, representing the Shreveport Fire Department, (318) 455-2404; Ms. Barbara Sellers, representing Shreveport Firefighters Association, (318) 272-9229; Mr. Rodney Braxton, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166; Ms. Markey Pierre, representing the city of Shreveport, 401 Market, Suite 550, Shreveport, LA, (318) 675-0166; and Ms. Stacy Birdwell, representing Professional Fire Fighters, (318) 470-1316.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 706 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Norton offered a motion to place House Bill No. 706 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 237 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Representative Brossett presented Senate Bill No. 237, which provides relative to the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to adopt a set of technical amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 237 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barrow, Berthelot, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Badon, Chairman
Date Approved: May 15, 2014