

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
May 6, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in Committee Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Richard T. Burford
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Mickey J. Guillory
Representative Lowell C. "Chris" Hazel
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Eddie J. Lambert
Representative Harold L. Ritchie
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Jeff R. Thompson
Representative Lenar L. Whitney
Representative Patrick C. Williams, Vice Chair
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alison Pryor, Senior Attorney

Ms. Elise C. Read, Senior Legislative Analyst
Ms. Kristin Cheng, Committee Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Brittany Sylvester, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 185 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 185, which authorizes a tax credit for donations made to the La. Community and Technical College System.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 185, to which there was no objection. Action on House Bill No. 185 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 185 is attached. (See Exhibit "A")

House Bill No. 151 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 151, which extends the sunset of tax credits for certain heritage-based cottage industries located within the Cane River Heritage Area.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 151 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 151 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to provide information on House Bill No. 151 was Ms. Dawn Bankston, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-2520.

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Robideaux

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 2, which provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay Budget.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to increase and decrease funds allocated to projects in the original bill. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to delete the Morial Convention Center project from House Bill No. 2. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Lambert offered a set of amendments to change the priority of the funds allocated to projects in Ascension Parish. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Lambert offered a set of amendments to add a capital outlay project for the Livingston Economic Development Council and to provide for its financing. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of technical amendments. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 2 is attached. (See Exhibit "B")

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Robideaux

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 3, which provides for the Omnibus Bond Act.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 474 by Representative Stuart Bishop

Representative Stuart Bishop presented House Bill No. 474, which provides relative to the exemption from severance tax for inactive wells.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 474 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 474. The substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 474 failed by a vote of 1 yea and 16 nays. Representative Whitney voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted nay.

Since the substitute motion failed, the committee reverted back to the motion by Representative Robideaux to report House Bill No. 474 unfavorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 474 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to provide information on House Bill No. 474 was Mr. Gifford Briggs, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, P.O. Box 4069, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 388-9525.

House Bill No. 571 by Representative Robideaux

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 571, which changes eligibility requirements for Enterprise Zone benefits.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 571 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 571. The substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 571 failed by a vote of 2 yeas and 16 nays. Representatives Stokes and Whitney voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted nay.

Since the substitute motion failed, the committee reverted back to the motion by Representative Robideaux to report House Bill No. 571 unfavorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 571 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in opposition of House Bill No. 571 were Ms. Jodi Loar, Color Wheel Learning Center, 11637 Sherwood Forest Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 803-9540; Mr. Wyatt Graves, Fundamentals Early Learning Center, P.O. Box 1449, Walker, LA 70785, (225) 791-8224; Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059; and Mr. Bob Israel, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, 7526 Picardy Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 769-5500.

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 House Bill No. 571 is attached. (See Exhibit "C")

House Bill No. 653 by Representative Robideaux

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 653, which provides for the payment of a vendor's compensation for the state sales and use tax collection and to dedicate certain state sales tax revenues.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 653 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 653. The substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 653 failed by a vote of 4 yeas and 14 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Stokes, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, and Patrick Williams voted nay.

Since the substitute motion failed, the committee reverted back to the motion by Representative Robideaux to report House Bill No. 653 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney objected. House Bill No. 653 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, and Patrick Williams voted yea. Representatives Broadwater, Stokes, Whitney, and Willmott voted nay.

Present to speak in opposition of House Bill No. 653 were Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059; Mr. John LeBlanc, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388; and Ms. Lana Griffin (See Exhibit "D"), Louisiana Self Storage Association, 10524 Carmel Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70818, (225) 261-0147.

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 House Bill No. 653 is attached. (See Exhibit "E")

House Bill No. 696 by Representative Montoucet

Representative Montoucet presented House Bill No. 696, which reduces the amount of certain tax credits beginning January 1, 2014, for income tax credits and January 1, 2015, for corporate franchise credits.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 696 unfavorably, to which Representative Stokes offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 696. The substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 696 failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 16 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Stokes, and Whitney voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted nay.

Since the substitute motion failed, the committee reverted back to the motion by Representative Barrow to report House Bill No. 696 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney objected. House Bill No. 696 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann,

Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representative Whitney voted nay.

Present to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 696 were Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059; Mr. John LeBlanc, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388; Mr. Stephen Moret, Louisiana Economic Development, 1051 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5388; Mr. Wyatt Graves, Fundamentals Early Learning Center, P.O. Box 1449, Walker, LA 70785, (225) 791-8224; and Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Louisiana Partnership For Children and Families, 8054 Summa Avenue, Suite C, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (504) 228-0988.

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 House Bill No. 696 is attached. (See Exhibit "F")

House Bill No. 712 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Representative Katrina Jackson presented House Bill No. 712, which requires the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to uniformly reduce the amount of tax credits in a year of a budget deficit.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 712 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 712. The substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 712 failed by a vote of 5 yeas and 13 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Stokes, Thompson, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, and Patrick Williams voted nay.

Since the substitute motion failed, the committee reverted back to the motion by Representative Robideaux to report House Bill No. 712 unfavorably. House Bill No. 712 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to adhere to the five-minute rule for testimony, to which there was no objection. The motion to adhere to the five-minute rule passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 712 were Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059, and Mr. Stephen Moret, Louisiana Economic Development, 1051 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5388.

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 House Bill No. 712 is attached. (See Exhibit "G")

House Bill No. 655 by Representative Burrell

Representative Burrell presented House Bill No. 655, which establishes criteria for participation in the enterprise zone program for the receipt of tax credits and rebate payments.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report House Bill No. 655 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney objected. House Bill No. 655 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Stokes and Whitney voted nay.

Present to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 655 was Mr. Don Allison, Advantous Consulting, 9270 Siegen Lane #801, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-1818.

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 House Bill No. 655 is attached. (See Exhibit "H")

House Bill No. 697 by Representative James

Representative James presented House Bill No. 697, which provides for the net operating loss deduction and the tax credit for inventory taxes paid.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report House Bill No. 697 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney objected. House Bill No. 697 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representative Whitney voted nay.

Present to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 697 were Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059, and Mr. John LeBlanc,

Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388.

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 House Bill No. 697 is attached. (See Exhibit "I")

House Bill No. 161 by Representative James

Representative James presented House Bill No. 161, which reduces the amount of the income tax credit for state-certified productions, and removes authority to transfer or sell motion picture investor tax credits.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 161, to which there was no objection. Action on House Bill No. 161 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 161 is attached. (See Exhibit "J")

House Bill No. 716 by Representative Richard

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 716, which decreases the state sales and use tax rate, and repeals exclusions and exemptions from state sales and use tax.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report House Bill No. 716 unfavorably, to which Representative Whitney objected. House Bill No. 716 was reported unfavorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Stokes and Whitney voted nay.

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 House Bill No. 716 is attached. (See Exhibit "K")

House Bill No. 698 by Representative Thompson

Representative Thompson presented House Bill No. 698, which provides relative to the School Readiness Tax Credits.

Representative Thompson offered a set of amendments to add requirements to align the new credits with those in present law. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 698 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 698 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 698 was Ms. Stafford Palmieri, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7015.

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 House Bill No. 698 is attached. (See Exhibit "L" and Exhibit "M")

House Bill No. 166 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 166, which provides relative to determining the market value of trees, timber, and pulpwood for purposes of levying the severance taxes.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to add definitions for purposes of payment of severance taxes. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 166 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 166 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 166 was Ms. Shanda J. McClain, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059.

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 House Bill No. 166 is attached. (See Exhibit "N" and Exhibit "O")

House Bill No. 182 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 182, which provides relative to the promulgation of guidelines for determining the definition of "sale at retail" for purposes of the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain agricultural commodities utilized in preparing crops or animals for market.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 182 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 182 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barras, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 182 was Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1234.

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 House Bill No. 182 is attached. (See Exhibit "P")

House Bill No. 358 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 358, which removes the Jan. 1, 2015, sunset date for issuance of sound recording investor tax credits and provides a threshold for Louisiana residents.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 358 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 358 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 358 were Mr. Jay Weigel, Carondelet Music Group, LLC, 788 Amethyst Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 258-8299, and Ms. Sherri McConnell, 1329 Josephine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (225) 954-7761.

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 House Bill No. 358 is attached. (See Exhibit "Q")

House Bill No. 675 by Representative St. Germain

Representative St. Germain (See Exhibit "R") presented House Bill No. 675, which requires the tax on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels to be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to delete a section of the bill dealing with how the tax is imposed and to change the title. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report House Bill No. 675 with amendments, to which Representative Thompson objected. The motion to report House Bill No. 675 with amendments failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Barrow, Guillory, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Thibaut, and Patrick Williams voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Hazel, Lambert, Thompson, and Willmott voted nay.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 675 were Mr. Derrell Cohoon, Associated General Contractors, 714 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 336-4657; Mr. Mike Bruce, Driving LA FORWARD, 500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 765-7400; Mr. Gard Wayt, Louisiana Good Roads, 3050 Thornhill, Shreveport, LA 71104, (318) 207-1292; and Mr. Joey Coco, American Society of Civil Engineers, 7920 Lanes End, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 921-3841.

Present to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 675 was Ms. Yasmina Platt (See Exhibit "S"), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701, (301) 695-2096.

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 House Bill No. 675 is attached. (See Exhibit "T")

House Bill No. 529 by Representative Barrow

Representative Barrow presented House Bill No. 529, which is a constitutional amendment to impose a tax on single use plastic carry bags.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 529, to which there was no objection. Action on House Bill No. 529 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 529 is attached. (See Exhibit "U")

House Bill No. 711 by Representative Barrow

Representative Barrow presented House Bill No. 711, which imposes a tax on single-use plastic carry bags and provides for the use of the avails thereof.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 711, to which there was no objection. Action on House Bill No. 711 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 711 is attached. (See Exhibit "V")

House Bill No. 563 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 563, which changes eligibility and provides for administrative changes for the Research and Development Tax Credit.

Representative Thibaut offered a set of amendments to add requirements for taxpayers eligible for the tax credit. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection.

The amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report House Bill No. 563 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 563 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 563 is attached. (See Exhibit "W")

House Bill No. 636 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 636, which changes the oil spill contingency fee both in amount and application and removes limitation on expenditures from the Oil Spill Contingency Fund.

Representative Danahay offered a set of amendments to add an effective date of Jan. 1, 2014. 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. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Hazel, Johnson, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 636 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 636 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Thibaut, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

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 House Bill No. 636 is attached. (See Exhibit "X")

House Bill No. 329 by Representative Alfred Williams

Representative Alfred Williams presented House Bill No. 329, which is a constitutional amendment that removes the income requirement for purposes of qualifying for the special assessment level.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

No action was taken on House Bill No. 329 at this meeting.

Present to speak in support of House Bill No. 329 was Mr. Brian Wilson, East Baton Rouge Assessors Office, 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 389-3920.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

Date