

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2013 Regular Session  
May 28, 2013

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. in 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 Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
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 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:**

Representative Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Robert A. Johnson

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Alison Pryor, Attorney  
Ms. Elise C. Read, Legislative Analyst  
Ms. Kristin Cheng, Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Brittany Sylvester, Sergeant at Arms

Ms. Amy Robinson, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 24 by Representative Mack**

Representative Robideaux indicated that House Bill No. 24 by Representative Mack, which provides for exemption from gasoline and special fuels taxes for school buses owned and operated by municipal and parish school boards, would not be heard at this meeting.

**House Bill No. 496 by Representative Mack**

Representative Robideaux indicated that House Bill No. 496 by Representative Mack, which creates a sales tax holiday period for consumer purchases of firearms and ammunition manufactured in Louisiana, would not be heard at this meeting.

**House Bill No. 139 by Representative Leopold**

Representative Leopold presented House Bill No. 139, which creates an exemption from sales and use tax for construction materials purchased by the Committee for Plaquemines Recovery.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 139 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 139 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Hoffmann, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Willmott offered a motion to place House Bill No. 139 on the local and consent calendar, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 139 was placed on the local and consent calendar by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Hoffmann, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

**House Bill No. 324 by Representative Jefferson**

Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 324, which authorizes an income tax rebate for donations to certain schools.

Representative Thibaut offered a set of amendments to delete the prohibition of rebates to public schools that received a letter grade of "A". 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, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Patrick Williams offered a set of amendments to provide for the method of transmission of reports by school boards to the Louisiana Department of Revenue. 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, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 324 with amendments, to which Representative Robideaux objected. House Bill No. 324 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Lambert, Ritchie, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, 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. 324 is attached. (See Exhibit "A")

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adjourn, to which there was no objection. The committee adjourned by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the committee adjourned, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 699 by Representative Thompson**

Representative Thompson presented House Bill No. 699, which establishes an individual income tax credit based upon overtime wages earned by eligible taxpayers whose employment is subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 699 favorably, to which Representative Robideaux objected. House Bill No. 699 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Barrow, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Ritchie, Thompson, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea. Representatives Robideaux, Hazel, Hoffmann, Lambert, Stokes, Thibaut, 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. 699 is attached. (See Exhibit "B")

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

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