

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
May 30, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.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 Richard T. Burford
Representative Mickey J. Guillory
Representative Lowell C. Hazel
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann
Representative Robert A. Johnson
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 Christopher Broadwater
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Eddie J. Lambert

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Mattie Franklin, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 197 by Senator Riser**

Senator Riser presented Senate Bill No. 197, which extends income tax credits for the rehabilitation of certain owner-occupied residential structures.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 197 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 197 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Patrick Williams 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 provided information on Senate Bill No. 197 is attached. (See Exhibit "A")

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Claitor

Representative James presented Senate Bill No. 1 for Senator Claitor, which is a constitutional amendment to prohibit legislation relative to state tax rebates from being considered during a regular session held in an even-numbered year.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Patrick Williams voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 122 by Senator Chabert

Senator Chabert presented Senate Bill No. 122, which makes changes to both the Investor Tax Credit and the Import-Export Cargo Credit of the Ports of Louisiana Tax Credit Program and provides a new termination date for the credit. (See Exhibit "B")

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to make technical changes and to change the time for calculating the "pre-certification tonnage" of cargo. 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, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 122 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 122 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Barrow, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support of Senate Bill No. 122 was Mr. Joe Accardo, Ports Association of Louisiana, 325 Belle Terre, Laplace, LA 70068, (985) 359-4300.

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 Senate Bill No. 122 is attached. (See Exhibit "C")

Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Gary Smith

Senator Gary Smith presented Senate Bill No. 37, which authorizes for corporations a net operating loss carryback of five years if the loss is attributable to Hurricane Isaac.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to make technical changes. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 37 with amendments, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 37 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

To consider for approval rules proposed by the Department of Economic Development for the administration of the newly created Competitive Projects Tax Exemption Program (LAC 13:I. Chapter 47) as required by R.S. 47:4352, and conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to approve the rules, to which there was no objection. The rules were approved by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robideaux, Wesley Bishop, Burford, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Ritchie, Stokes, Thibaut, Thompson, Whitney, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to provide information on the Competitive Projects Tax Exemption Program rules was Mr. Steven Grissom, Louisiana Economic Development, 1051 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3000. (See Exhibit "D")

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

Date