

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2013-2014 Interim  
December 4, 2013

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

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:12 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 Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative Chris Broadwater  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Lowell C. "Chris" Hazel  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann  
Representative Eddie J. Lambert  
Representative Major Thibaut  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Richard T. Burford  
Representative Mickey J. Guillory  
Representative Robert A. Johnson  
Representative Harold L. Ritchie  
Representative Julie Stokes  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson  
Representative Lenar L. Whitney  
Representative Patrick C. Williams, Vice Chair

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

Ms. Alison Pryor, Deputy Director  
Ms. Elise C. Read, Legislative Analyst  
Ms. Kristin Cheng, Committee Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Susan Broussard, Sergeant at Arms

**III. BUSINESS**

Representative Chris Broadwater presented House Study Request No. 3 (See Exhibit "A") of the 2013 Regular Session, relating to the assessment, valuation, and collection of ad valorem tax on heavy equipment rental property.

Present to provide information on House Study Request No. 3 were Ms. Alysia Ryan, American Rental Association, 1900 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL61265, (309) 781-1807; Mr. Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402; Mr. Gary Bennett, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402; Mr. Gregory Ruppert, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, 1233 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, LA 70058, (504) 376-2574; Mr. Ed Noonan, United Rentals, 5 Greenwich Office Park, Greenwich, CT 06831, (203) 402-5911; Mr. William M. Backstrom, Jr., Jones Walker, 201 St. Charles Ave., Suite 5100, New Orleans, LA 70170-5100, (504) 582-8228; Mr. Barney Altazan, Louisiana Assessors' Association, P.O. Box 76, Port Allen, LA 70767, (225) 344-6777; Mr. James Laurent, Jr., Louisiana Assessors' Association, Baton Rouge, 3060 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 240-9974; and Mr. Derrell D. Cohoon, Associated General Contractors of America, 714 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 921-9233. (See Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C")

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 Study Request No. 3 is attached. (See Exhibit "D")

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means