

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2015 Regular Session
May 13, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tim Burns, chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tim Burns, Chairman
Representative Jeff Arnold
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Joseph Bouie Jr.
Representative Mike Danahay, Vice Chair
Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Mike Johnson
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative Stephen E. Pugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Legislative Analyst
Mark Mahaffey, Attorney
Shawn O'Brien, Secretary
Travis Brown, Sergeant at Arms
Bret Wagner, Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 246 by Representative Hensgens

House Bill No. 246 provides relative to certain prohibited conflicts for members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the superintendent of education.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 246. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 246 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 600 by Representative Geymann

House Bill No. 600 provides relative to the Administrative Procedure Act.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 600. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 600 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 77, which memorializes congress to amend and reenact Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant Secretary of State, 8585 Archives, Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-2880, provided information on the bill.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: three in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Bouie offered amendments to specify that the resolution shall not be interpreted or construed to be an expression of support of specified federal legislation.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Gaines offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 77 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Burns, Chairman
Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

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