

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2015 Regular Session
May 27, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tim Burns, chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m. in Room 2, 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 Taylor F. Barras
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Joseph Bouie Jr.
Representative Mike Danahay, Vice Chair
Representative Mike Johnson
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative Stephen E. Pugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89, which establishes a task force to study the performance audit on the regulation of oil and gas wells and management of orphaned wells.

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

Representative Arnold offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator Amedee

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 36 on behalf of the author. The bill provides relative to sexual assault protective orders.

Representative Burns offered amendments to add a reference to the proposed public records exemption in the Public Records Law and make conforming technical changes.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Ms. Brandi (last name illegible), P. O. Box (illegible), Baton Rouge, LA, 70821, testified in support of the bill.

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

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 36 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 36 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Mike Johnson, Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

House Resolution No. 117 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Resolution No. 117, which provides relative to the passage of the Capital Outlay Bill.

Representative Danahay offered an amendment to add an effective date of January 1, 2016.

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

Representative Burns offered amendments to change "amount of funding required for the projects contained within the bill" to "amount of new funding for the projects contained within the bill".

Representative Burns 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, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Gordon Dove spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Mark Moses, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-9654, provided information on the measure.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 117 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 117 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Johnson, and Miller voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 185 by Representative Tim Burns

Representative Tim Burns presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 185, which requests the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons with disabilities serving as commissioners.

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

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 185 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 185 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

House Resolution No. 110 by Representative Tim Burns

Representative Tim Burns presented House Resolution No. 110, which provides relative to the Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Miller offered amendments relative to procedures for electing members of the committee, to remove provisions for paper election materials; to remove requirements that the notice of candidacy and ballot be signed by the member-elect; to remove provisions relative to opening ballots; and to require the clerk to initiate and oversee the design and implementation of a system to allow each member-elect to electronically vote and return his ballot and to certify that the system is accurate and secure.

Representative Miller 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, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: one for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 110 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 110 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Johnson, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 by Representative Barrow

Representative Barrow presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 129, which creates a task force to study and make recommendations concerning health services delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge region.

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

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, 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

Representative Arnold offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, adjourn by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Arnold, Barras, Berthelot, Bouie, Burns, Danahay, Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Burns, Chairman
Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

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