

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 First Extraordinary Session  
February 25, 2016

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

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman  
Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative James K. Armes, III  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Steve E. Pylant  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Scott M. Simon

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary  
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst  
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

None

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 118 by Speaker Barras**

Speaker Barras presented House Bill No. 118, which reduces appropriations for the Louisiana Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

There was no further discussion on this bill.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 118 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 118 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Leger, McFarland, Pylant, Richard, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

**House Bill No. 119 by Speaker Barras**

Speaker Barras presented House Bill No. 119, which reduces appropriations for the legislature for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 119 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 119 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Leger, McFarland, Pylant, Richard, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which provides relative to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

There was no further discussion on the resolution.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Leger, McFarland, Pylant, Richard, Smith, and Zeringue 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 provide information on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 is available upon request.

#### **Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator LaFleur**

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 4, which provides for the deposit and use of certain receipts of the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Settlement.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 4 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 4 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to speak for information only was Mr. Matthew Block, Executive Counsel to the Governor, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7015.

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. 4 is available upon request.

#### **House Bill No. 115 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 115, which establishes the Mineral Revenue Fund and provides for dedications into and the uses of monies in the fund. (See Exhibit A)

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 115 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 115 was reported favorably by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

**House Bill No. 111 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 111, provides relative to eliminating the Debt Recovery Fund.

Representative Henry offered a technical amendment and offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Ivey and Ms. Karen St. Germain, Commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV), 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6146, addressed the committee regarding the original intent of House Bill No. 111. (See Exhibit A)

Colonel Michael D. Edmonson, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety & Corrections and Superintendent of Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-6006, discussed how House Bill No. 111 would affect the Office of State Police.

Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Deputy Secretary; Joshua Hollins, Legislative Liaison, Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200; and Mr. Barry Dussé, Direct of the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, discussed, with Representative Schroder and Representative McFarland, the effect of House Bill No. 111 on DOTD.

Commissioner St. Germain, Representative Ivey, and Mr. Dussé discussed the Debt Recovery Fund with Representative Amedée and Representative Edmonds.

Mr. Alan Boxberger, General Government Section Director for the Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7233, and Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin, provided information to the committee regarding House Bill No. 111.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Smith offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 111. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 111 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue 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 provide information on House Bill No. 111 is available upon request.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Pylant offered a motion to adjourn, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry  
House Committee on Appropriations