

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 22, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.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 Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

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. 306 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 306, which expands the uses of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account.

Mr. Cole Garrett, Legislative Liaison and Policy Attorney for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-5577, addressed the committee regarding the original intent of the account and how the bill will impact the oyster industry.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 306 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 306 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Harris, Hensgens, Miller, 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 House Bill No. 306 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 422 by Representative Amedée

Representative Amedée presented House Bill No. 422, which establishes the Payments Toward State Debt Fund as a special treasury fund.

Representative Amedée discussed the effects of creating another statutory dedication, and whether or not the funds could be swept into the State General Fund with Representatives Hensgens and Smith.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 422 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 422 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bagley, Chaney, Harris, Hensgens, Richard, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Carter, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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