

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 19, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:10 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
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 Bob Hensgens

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

Public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 1 of the 2016 Regular Session

Representative Henry indicated that the committee would hear public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 1, schedule by schedule. (See Exhibit A)

Executive Department - Schedule 1

Present to provide information were Mr. Joshua Perry, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100 Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, no telephone number provided; Ms. Greta Ruth, 3536 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 205-6803; Mr. Roy Braud, 2822 South Roman Street, New Orleans, LA 70125, no telephone number provided; Ms. Amanda Trosclair, 22nd Judicial District Court Public Defender's Office, 402 North Jefferson Avenue, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 892-5002; Ms. Verna Carr, 3637 Frenchman Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 666-5201; Ms. Jada Solete, Camelia Street, New Orleans, LA 70127, no telephone number provided; and Mr. Jack Harrison, East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Public Defender, 8333 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 354-1264. (See Exhibit B)

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. 1 is available upon request.

Department of Education – Schedule 19

Present to speak in support were Ms. Susan Bettinger, League of Women Voters of Caddo-Bossier, 3814 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 868-0863, and Ms. Lois Scheib, 5656 South Lakeshore Drive, Apt. 723, Shreveport, LA 71119, (318) 631-7623.

Present to speak in opposition were Mr. Rob Tasman, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2431 South Acadian Thruway, Suite 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 326-9513; Ms. Lynda Courville, Diocese of Baton Rouge, 3300 Hundred Oaks Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 387-6421; Dr. Raenell Houston, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 120 Jesuit Bend Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, (504) 861-6258; Dr. Melanie Verges, Diocese of Baton Rouge, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 336-8735; Ms. Paula Fabre, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, 1150 South 12th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-6639; Ms. Kelli Bottger, Louisiana Federal for Children, 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 936-9800; Ms. Sha'Lisia Paul and Ms. Zakiya Dorsey, students of Redemptorist St. Gerard School, 3655 St. Gerard Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, (225) 355-1437; Mr. Johnathan Davis, Mr. Willie Augustus, and Mr. Dedrick Brooks, students of Angles Academy, no contact information provided; Ms. Sandra Watson, 2417 Brownlee Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 333-0380; Ms. Christy Washington and Ms. Paige Washington, 13110 St. Stephen Drive, New Orleans, LA 70128, (504) 304-7299; Ms. Carla Moyé and Ms. Arielle Forest, no address provided, (225) 287-0423; Ms. Auréal Buckner, 4308 Lemans Drive, Marrero, LA 70072, (504) 452-4243; Ms. Cheryl Lott, Gardere Community School, 9372 Gail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-4076; Ms. Barbara Baptiste, no address provided, (504) 270-4520; Ms. Brandy Burns and Ms. Shannon Bingham, 2121 Comet Street, New Orleans, LA 70131, (504) 723-3408; Ms. Nakeisha Kyle and Ms. Amya Kyle, 2507 Gladiolus Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 655-5169; Ms. Corinne Celestine, no address provided, (504) 405-0946; Ms. Kimberly Frazer, 1150 South 12th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 573-4735; Mr. Chad Smith, St. Mary's Male Academy, 3509 Silver Maple Court, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 606-0782; Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398; and Mr. Leonard McLendon, 3617 Timber Court, New Orleans, LA 70131, no telephone number provided. (See Exhibit C)

Present to provide information were Ms. Sonja B. Joseph, Clara's Little Lambs Preschool, 1871 Farragut Street, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 362-7710; Ms. Katrina Saverin, Kinder Care, 11349 Greenwell Springs Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, (225) 273-0932; and Ms. Mia Orr, Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, no address provided, (504) 323-5487.

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Other Requirements – Schedule 20

Present to provide information were Mr. Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, no telephone number provided; Sheriff William Hilton and Ms. Debbie McBeth, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 1510, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 443-6706; Sheriff Wydette Williams, East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, no address provided, (318) 559-2800; Sheriff Kevin Cobb, Franklin Parish Sheriff, 6556 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295, (318) 435-4505; Sheriff Cranford Jordan, Winn Parish Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 950, Winnfield, LA 71483, (318) 628-4611; Sheriff Mike Cazes, West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, P.O.

Box 129, Port Allen, LA 70767, (225) 921-2982; and Ms. Nicole Labadot and Ms. Caitlin Williams, Legacy Donor Foundation, 2701 Kingman Street, Suite 101, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 558-8900. (See Exhibits D & E)

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Department of Health and Hospitals – Schedule 09

Present to speak in opposition was Ms. Janet Hays, 2206 Soniat Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 274-6091.

Present to provide information was Ms. Anne Castay, 8212 Ferrara Drive, Harahan, LA 70123, (504) 737-1611.

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Armes 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, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
House Committee on Appropriations