

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Second Extraordinary Session
June 20, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 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 Bob Hensgens
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Valarie Hodges

Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Harris, Clerk
Ms. Vivian Hurst, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Faye Talbot, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 69 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 69, which makes supplemental appropriations for FY16-17.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to reduce the amount of State General Fund and Interagency transfers; increase the amount of Fees and Self-Generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications, and Federal Funds; and to recognize additional revenue from the Revenue Estimating Conference. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Lance Harris, Hensgens, Leger, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Schroder, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 69 with amendments, to which Representative Leger objected. House Bill No. 69 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Lance Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Gary Carter, Leger, Dustin Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Present to speak in support were Ms. Mary Slazer, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Service Bureau, 430 North New Hampshire Street, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 893-2570; Ms. Brandi Melissa, P.O. Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70521, no telephone number provided; Ms. Joy M. Bruce, Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) New Orleans, 1540 Poydras Street, Suite 2120, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 522-1962; and Representative Malinda White, 1411 Shady Pine Drive, Bogalusa, LA 70427, no telephone provided.

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. 69 is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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