

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 16, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Sam L. Jenkins Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Abigail Reynolds, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 275 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 275, a constitutional amendment which prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, a person convicted of a felony from holding elective or appointive office.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, provided information on House Bill No. 275.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 275 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 275 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 415 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 415, a constitutional amendment which provides for disqualification from seeking or holding public office.

Representative Pugh offered amendments to add language relative to scrutiny on any restriction on the right to register and vote. Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 415, to which Representative Jenkins objected. Representative Jenkins offered a substitute motion to report House Bill No. 415 with amendments, to which Representative Danahay objected.

The secretary called the roll on the substitute motion to report House Bill No. 415 with amendments, and the substitute motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, and Jenkins voted yea. Representatives Danahay, Emerson, Hill, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted nay.

Representative Danahay offered a substitute motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 415. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 415 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas

and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 1 in opposition, 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 851 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 851, which provides with respect to voter eligibility.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 851. Without objection, House Bill No. 851 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 850 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 850, which requires personal service on an official whose recall is sought.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 850. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 850 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 377 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 377, which requires a notice of the retirement or resignation of a registrar of voters to be filed with the secretary of state.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 377 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 377 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 529 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 529, which provides for the compensation of a deputy parish custodian of voting machines.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, provided information on House Bill No. 529.

Debbie Hudnall, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, 10202 Jefferson Highway, Building A, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-293-1162, spoke in support of the bill.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to report House Bill No. 529 favorably with a recommendation to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Appropriations. Without objection, House Bill No. 529 was reported favorably with a recommendation to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Appropriations by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

House Bill No. 890 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 890, which makes revisions to the La. Election Code.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action and reschedule House Bill No. 890 for the next meeting. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 890 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 376 by Representative Danahay

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 376, which prohibits the registrar, chief deputy registrar, and confidential assistant of the registrar from receiving certain increases in salary under certain circumstances.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action and reschedule House Bill No. 376 for hearing. Without objection, House Bill No. 376 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Emerson, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: