

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
May 24, 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 10:03 a.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 Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jimmy Harris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Abigail Reynolds, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 54 by Senator Johns

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 54, which creates a pilot program (Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft and Uninsured Motorists Identification Program) involving the use of license plate recognition devices for certain purposes.

John DeRosier, Calcasieu Parish district attorney, P. O. Box 3206, Lake Charles, LA 70602, 337-437-3405, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 54.

Charles Ballay, district attorney for Plaquemines Parish (address illegible), spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 54.

Lt. Rodney Hyatt, Louisiana State Police, 3919 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 985-381-4985, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 54.

James Crumling, 203 Grand Prairie Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 54.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendment. Without objection, the technical amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Gary Carter offered amendments to delete provisions relative to compulsory insurance.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 54, to which Representative Danahay objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on Senate Bill No. 54 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea. Representatives Danahay, Hill, and Jenkins voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 10 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 207 by Representative Bagneris

Representative Bagneris presented House Bill No. 207, which provides for the conduct of early voting on the Sunday during the early voting period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Jacques Morial, P. O. Box 52693, New Orleans, LA 70152, 504-315-5388, spoke in support of House Bill No. 207.

Ryan C. Albright, The Power Coalition, 3830 Delachaise Street (address incomplete), spoke in support of House Bill No. 207.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 207.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 207 favorably, to which Representative Pugh objected. The secretary called the roll, and by a vote of 2 yeas and 7 nays, the motion failed to pass. Representatives Gary Carter and Jenkins voted yea. Representatives Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted nay.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 207. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 207 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 148 by Senator Gatti

Senator Gatti presented Senate Bill No. 148, which abolishes boards and commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities that are inactive.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to remove the proposed repeal of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District; repeal provisions for an income tax checkoff for donations to support the missions of the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission and the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Commission; repeal additional provisions for and remove additional references to the State Advisory Commission on Teacher Education and Certification, Louisiana Historic Cemetery Trust Advisory Board, and Advisory Committee on Hospice Care; and make technical changes. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

Eric Sunstrom, city of Alexandria, P. O. Box 80106, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, 225-757-9908, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 148.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 148 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 148 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Resolution No. 118 by Representative Garofalo

Representative Garofalo presented House Resolution No. 118, which provides for the recommittal of instruments relative to requests to the Louisiana State Law Institute to study matters to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 118 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 118 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted yea.

House Resolution No. 11 by Representative Talbot

Representative Talbot presented House Resolution No. 11, which provides relative to the passage of the Capital Outlay Bill.

Representative Pugh offered technical amendments to House Resolution No. 11. Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 11 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 11 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

House Resolution No. 97 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Resolution No. 97, which provides relative to the motion to lay on the table.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 97 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 97 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 122, which requests the governor of Louisiana to take action to restore voting rights to those in the state who are under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony and to work with all stakeholders to ensure more accessibility to voting for those persons who are incarcerated and eligible to vote.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 favorably, to which Representative Lance Harris objected and offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 122, to which there was objection. The secretary called the roll on the substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 122, which failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jenkins, and Schroder voted nay.

The original motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 favorably was considered, to which there was objection. The secretary called the roll, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jenkins, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea. Representatives Lance Harris, Gregory Miller, and Jay Morris voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 117 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 117, which creates a task force to study and make recommendations for law enforcement officers involved in certain incidents.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 117, to which Representative Gary Carter objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 117 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 5 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, and Jenkins voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: