

## **House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 14, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, called the meeting to order at in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman  
Representative Chris Broadwater, vice chairman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James II  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Scott M. Simon

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative Gregory Cromer  
Representative Marcus L. Hunter  
Representative Alan Seabaugh

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shana Veade, attorney  
Alana C. Madison, secretary  
Reyna Witt, clerk  
Vivan Hurst, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 1001 by Representative Jefferson**

Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 1001, which provides with respect to limitations in apprenticeship law.

Robert J. Roux, Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), 1001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-1690, [rroux@lwc.la.gov](mailto:rroux@lwc.la.gov), spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1001.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1001 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1001 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Broadwater, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, Pierre, and Price voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support; 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 941 by Representative Horton**

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 941, which provides for unemployment compensation for military spouses who resign employment to relocate pursuant to a permanent change of station order.

Representative Horton offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the substitute bill was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Broadwater, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, Pierre, and Simon voted yea.

Mr. David LaCerte, 301 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 354-9790, spoke in support of House Bill No. 941.

Renita Ward Williams, LWC, 1001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2905, [rwilliams@lwc.la.gov](mailto:rwilliams@lwc.la.gov), spoke for information only on House Bill No. 941.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 941 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 941 was reported by substitute by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Broadwater, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, Miguez, Pierre, Price, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support; 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 280 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 280, which provides with respect to group self-insurance funds for workers' compensation.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Require that the fund submit a corrective action plan to the commissioner for his approval.
3. Allows the commissioner to place the fund in confidential administrative supervision or in conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation status when a fund is not in compliance with the corrective action plan.
4. Provide that exclusive jurisdiction to hear any delinquency proceeding against a fund for failure to comply with the corrective action plan lies in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Broadwater, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, Miguez, Pierre, and Simon voted yea.

Michael Morris, Louisiana Home Builders Association, 660 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 387-0286 (primary), (225) 953-7623 (cell), [michaelm@lhasif.com](mailto:michaelm@lhasif.com), spoke in support of House Bill No. 280.

Denise Brignac, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7276, [dbrignac@ldi.la.gov](mailto:dbrignac@ldi.la.gov), spoke for information only on House Bill No. 280.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 280 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 280 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Broadwater, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, Miguez, Pierre, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support; 0 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS****V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Patrick O. Jefferson  
House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Date adopted: