

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 31, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Joseph Bouie Jr.
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins Jr.
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Valarie Banks, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

William Belleu, clerk
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 513 by Representative Gary Carter

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 513, which provides relative to the status of private entities that contract with the Algiers Development District.

Representative Berthelot offered amendments to add an exception to the auditor's authority to audit contracts with certain utility companies. Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Steve Carter, Davis, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Richard, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 513 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 513 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Steve Carter, Davis, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Richard, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 766 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 766, which provides relative to sustainable energy financing districts.

Joe Gendron, representing LA Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 766.

Jerome Fournier, 5647 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, (858) 829-6619, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 766 and distributed his business card to members (Exhibit A).

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 766 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 766 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Steve Carter, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 by Representative Guinn

Representative Guinn presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, which designates the town of Welsh as the Home of the Cajun Dictionary.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Steve Carter, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, White, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 855 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 855, which authorizes the operation of golf carts on roadways within Lake Fausse Point State Park.

Robert Barham, representing the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Capitol Annex Building, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7009, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 855.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 855 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 855 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, White, and Willmott voted yea.

House Bill No. 847 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 847, which provides relative to the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Robert Becker, representing New Orleans City Park, 1 Palm Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 483-9367, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 847.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 847 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 847 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, White, and Willmott voted yea.

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

Vice Chairman Huval in the chair.

House Bill No. 651 by Representative Reynolds

On behalf of Representative Reynolds, Representative Berthelot presented House Bill No. 651, which provides for the re-creation of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Prior to the meeting, the office of the lieutenant governor distributed jump drives, a summary of the department's re-creation data, and the expanded data in a binder (Exhibit B).

Robert Barham, representing the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Capitol Annex Building, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7009, spoke to provide information only on House Bill No. 651.

Representative Norton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 651 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 651 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, White, and Willmott voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairman Berthelot in the chair.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Berthelot announced that there would be no meeting April 7, 2016. The committee's next scheduled meeting would be April 14, 2016.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, White, and Willmott voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot
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Date adopted: May 24, 2017