

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 First Extraordinary Session
February 22, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris, Vice Chairman
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alison Pryor, Deputy Director
Ms. Elise C. Read, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Gay Owens, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Myrtis M. Jarrell, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Beverly Hurst, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Representative Abramson updated the committee regarding fiscal notes for certain bills on the House Committee on Ways and Means calendar.

The meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened at 1:44 p.m.

House Bill No. 82 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 82, a Constitutional Amendment to provide with respect to limitations on sales and use tax including exclusions and exemptions.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to return House Bill No. 82 to the calendar. Without objection, House Bill No. 82 was returned to the calendar by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support was Senator Regina Barrow, 4811 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 359-9400.

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 only on House Bill No. 82 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 84 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 84, a Constitutional Amendment to remove the prohibition against levying a state sales and use tax on the sale of gasoline.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to return House Bill No. 84 to the calendar. Without objection, House Bill No. 84 was returned to the calendar by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in support was Senator Regina Barrow, 4811 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 359-9400.

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 only on House Bill No. 84 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 61 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 61, which provided with respect to the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions from state sales and use taxes.

Representative Abramson also discussed House Bill No. 101 by Representative Jackson and House Bill No. 104 by Representative Stokes, in conjunction with House Bill No. 61 due to the similarity of the bills.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to return House Bill No. 61 to the calendar. Without objection, House Bill No. 61 was returned to the calendar by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to speak in opposition was Mr. Jim Patterson, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 215-6625.

Present to provide information was Ms. Deborah Vivien, Junior Economist for the Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

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 only on House Bill No. 61 is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Abramson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, and Willmott voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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