

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 First Extraordinary Session
March 1, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.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 Mike Huval
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris
Representative Major Thibaut

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Ms. Gay Owens, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Beverly Hurst, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Myrtis Jarrell, Sergeant at Arms
Mr. M. J. Hernandez, Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 87 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 87, which reduced the amount of the insurance premium tax for certain Louisiana investments.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to decrease certain temporary premium tax credits, to exempt certain insurance companies from the premium tax credit reduction, and to add an effective date. Representative Abramson also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 87 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 87 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, and Thibaut voted yea.

Present to provide information were Mr. Lance Herrin, Assistant Commissioner, and Ms. Denise Brignac, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Department of Insurance, 1702 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5900; and Ms. Kimberly L. Robinson, Secretary of the Department of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (855) 307-3893. (See Exhibit A)

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support, in opposition to, and to provide information on House Bill No. 87 is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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