

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 First Extraordinary Session  
March 2, 2016

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

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:41 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 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:**

Representative Marcus L. Hunter

#### **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. 18 by Representative Montoucet**

Representative Montoucet presented House Bill No. 18, which reduced the amount of the discount for accurately reporting and remitting excise taxes on certain tobacco products and the amount of the discount for stamping cigarettes.

Present to speak for information only was Mr. David Tatman, Louisiana Association of Wholesalers, 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 767-7640.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Robert Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson  
House Committee on Ways and Means