

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
May 9, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:51 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 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 Robert A. Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Ms. Charlesetta Lavergne, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms

Mr. M. J. Hernandez, Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 2, which provided for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget.

Representative Jim Morris in the chair.

Representative Jim Morris offered a set of amendments to clarify the position of the projects in the bill, and 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, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to make House Bill No. 2 Special Order No. 1 on May 12, 2016. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

Present to provide information were Commissioner Jay Dardenne, and Mr. Mark Moses, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000.

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. 2 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 3, which provided for the Omnibus Bond Act.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to make House Bill No. 3 Special Order No. 2 on May 12, 2016. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

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 on House Bill No. 3 is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative James offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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