

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
June 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 9:27 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 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 John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris, Vice Chairman
Representative Julie Stokes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Ms. Penny Bouquet, Administrative Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms

Ms. Myrtis Jarrell, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Quality Jobs Program

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Economic Development, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3000, discussed the proposed changes to administrative rules for the Quality Jobs Program, as required by Acts 126 and 361 of the 2015 Regular Session.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to approve the administrative rules for the Quality Jobs Program, to which there was no objection. The rules were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, and Stokes voted yea.

Public testimony regarding the amendments adopted and proposed in House Bill No. 2 of the 2017 Regular Session

Representative Abramson indicated that the committee would hear public testimony regarding the amendments adopted and proposed in House Bill No. 2.

Present to provide information were Ms. Lela Folse, Director of the State Bond Commission, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-1134; Mr. Mark Moses, Assistant Commissioner for Facility Planning and Control, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9654; and Dr. Shawn Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200.

Public testimony regarding the revenue generated from the 2016 First Extraordinary Session

Present to provide information were Mr. Greg Albrecht, Chief Economist, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233; Ms. Kimberly L. Robinson, Secretary, Department of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-4059; Dr. James A. Richardson, Louisiana State University, no address provided, (225) 578-6745; Mr. Brandon LaGarde, Louisiana Society of CPAs, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 763-1091; Mr. David Brunnert, Senior Vice President of Frank's International, 700 East

Verot School Road, Lafayette, LA, (713) 231-2568; Mr. Chett Chiasson, Executive Director of Port Fourchon, P.O. Box 490, Galliano, LA 70354 (985) 632-6701; Mr. Craig Romero, Executive Director of the Port of Iberia, 4611 South Lewis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (337) 364-1065; Mr. Arthur Price, Chief Financial Officer of Badger Oil Corporation, 3861 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, #400, Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 233-9200; and Mr. Eric Lane, Gerry Lane Enterprises, 6505 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 926-4600.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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