

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Second Extraordinary Session
June 15, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:13 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 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
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. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Gay Owens, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 38 by Representative White

Representative White presented House Bill No. 38, which reduced the amount of the individual income tax deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to allow for certain personal tax deductions and to add a sunset provision for the 2018 tax year. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Ivey objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, and Thibaut voted yea. Representatives Davis, DeVillier, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Jay Morris, Stokes, and Willmott voted nay.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative James offered a motion to report House Bill No. 38 with amendments, to which Representative Huval objected. The motion was withdrawn before a vote was taken.

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 38. The motion was withdrawn before a vote was taken.

Representative James offered a motion to report House Bill No. 38 with amendments. House Bill No. 38 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, and Thibaut voted yea. Representatives Davis, DeVillier, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Jay Morris, Stokes, and Willmott voted nay.

Present to speak in opposition were Ms. Dawn Starns, State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), 530 Lakeland Drive, Suite 201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 218-6847; Mr. Ross Little, Jr., Republican National Convention, 101 Ruthwood Drive, Lafayette, LA, (337) 981-1749; Mr. Grover Joseph Rees, Republican State Central Committee, 1931 East Willow Street, Lafayette, LA, 70501, (337) 234-1951; Ms. Joyce M. Jackson, 1797B Boulevard de Province,

Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 272-8331; and Mr. Peter Vidrine, 101 North 6th Street, Eunice, LA 70535, (337) 457-1818.

Present to provide information were Ms. Kimberly L. Robinson, Secretary, and Mr. Luke Morris, Assistant Director, Department of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (855) 307-3893, and Mr. Greg Albrecht, Chief Economist for the Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

A copy of the witness cards for all individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on House Bill No. 38 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 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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