

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Second Extraordinary Session
June 20, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:26 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 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:

Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Myrtis Jarrell, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Beverly Hurst, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 15, which provided for an annual reporting requirement by certain nonprofit entities for certain sales tax exemptions.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Jay Morris, 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 Senate Bill No. 15 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 6, which provided for the carryforward, rather than the refund, of a certain portion of the tax credit for ad valorem taxes paid on inventory.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 6 favorably, to which Representative Broadwater objected. Senate Bill No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas, 1 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea. Representative Broadwater voted nay. Representative Abramson abstained.

Present to speak in opposition were Mr. Robert Baumann, Hood, Baumann & Associates, 616 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-8036, and Mr. Robert Durand, Associated Wholesale Grocers, 63331 Old Military Road, Pearl River, LA 70452, (985) 863-1534.

Present to provide information was 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 individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on Senate Bill No. 6 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provided for the confidentiality of tax records, the definition of manufacturer for purposes of the tax credits for ad valorem taxes paid to local governments, and certain limitations.

Representative Abramson offered a set of amendments to delete certain provisions pertaining to certain ad valorem taxes, and also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Hilferty, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, 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 Senate Bill No. 10 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 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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