

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 1, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Katie Andress, Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Faye Talbot, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Vivian Hurst, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Henry**

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 1, which provided for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for FY17-18.

Representative Henry offered a set of in-globo amendments. (See Exhibit A) He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 20 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Carter, Leger, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Bacala offered an amendment that authorized the Commissioner of Administration to reduce the number of authorized positions. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Billiot objected. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Leger, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Foil offered a set of amendments to fully fund the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Carter objected.

The amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Abraham offered an amendment to reduce payments to the hospital public-private partnerships on a pro-rata basis, based on the total funding for hospitals. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Miller objected. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Lance Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, and Simon voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Carter, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Miguez offered an amendment to add language to indicate that no funds appropriated in FY17-18 will be used for performance adjustments. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Miguez offered a set of amendments to consolidate programs in the Department of Justice and add additional Table of Organization (T.O.) positions. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry clarified previous statements regarding FY17-18 budget allocations for the Judiciary and Legislative budgets.

Representative Miguez offered a set of amendments to add funds to the Board of Regents funding formula to be distributed to all Higher Education systems. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Carter objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Leger, Miller, Richard, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Hodges offered an amendment to direct the Office of Community Development to request, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a portion of the federal funding from the 2016 floods to be used to complete the Comite Diversion Canal Project. She also offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Carter objected. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 6 nays.

Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Edmonds, Foil, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Edmonds offered a set of amendments to require that all increases in authorized positions be subject to approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Edmonds offered a set of amendments to require that initial allocation of expenditures be reported to JLCB, required JLCB approval for any changes to expenditure allocations, and required that the Commissioner of Administration post all approved BA-7s on the department's website.

Representative Smith expressed her concern for the amount of scrutiny the committee imposed upon the new administration.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, and Simon voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Leger, Miller, Smith, and Zeringue voted nay.

Representative Edmonds offered a set of amendments to to remove certain provisions in the Department of Health's Preamble, pooling and transferring positions and funding within the department's budget. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered an amendment to allocate certain funds from the Oil Spill Contingency Fund to the Traffic Enforcement Program for the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO). He also offered a motion to adopt the amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Miller offered an amendment to require certain services within the Department of Health to be fully funded in FY17-18. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which Representative Miguez objected. Representative Miller withdrew the amendment before a vote was taken.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 with amendments, to which Representative Leger objected. House Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Armes, Billiot, Carter, Leger, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 1 Special Order No. 1 on May 4, 2017, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Liz Murrill, Director of Administrative Services for the Department of Justice, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 326-6766.

Present to provide information were Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, and Mr. Barry Dussé, Director of Planning and Budget, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005.

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. 1 is available upon request.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 by Representative Barras

Representative Barras presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, which provided for a hospital stabilization formula.

Representative Foil offered a set of amendments to clarify that rural hospitals were excluded from the assessment, and further clarified the intent of the resolution.

He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was reported with amendments by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Jennifer McMahon, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 892-8383.

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 Concurrent Resolution No. 8 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 64 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 64, which provided for the ancillary expenses of state government.

Representative Foil offered a set of technical amendments, and offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Edmonds, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Foil offered a set of amendments to reduce the amount of interagency transfers and increase the amount of fees and self-generated revenue in the Office of Risk Management. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Edmonds, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Schroder offered a set of amendments to reduce the number of authorized positions in the Office of Risk Management. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 3 nays.

Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Carter, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Edmonds offered a set of amendments to specify that all position increases must be approved by JLCB. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, Schroder, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Carter, Chaney, Miller, and Smith voted nay.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 64 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 64 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Foil offered a motion to make House Bill No. 64 Special Order No. 2 on May 4, 2017, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Foil offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 64. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to provide information were Ms. Desireé Honoré Thomas, Assistant Commissioner of Statewide Services, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, and Ms. Mei Su, State Budget Manager, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005.

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. 64 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 620 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 620, which appropriated funds for the expenses of the judiciary for FY17-18.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to reduce the judiciary budget back to the original House Bill No. 1 allocation. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 620 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 620 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 620. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 620 Special Order No. 4 on May 4, 2017. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Brandi Melissa, P.O. Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, no telephone number provided.

Present to provide information were Justice Marcus Clark, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (318) 348-1965; Judge John Molaison, Jr., Louisiana District Judges Association, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 2706, Gretna, LA 70053, (504) 364-3881; Judge Tony Marabella, 19th Judicial District Court, 300 North Boulevard, Suite 8201, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 389-4722; Judge Jules D. Edwards, 15th Judicial District Court, P.O. Box 3568, Lafayette, LA 70501, (337) 269-5708; and Chief Judge Susan Chehardy, 5th Circuit Court of Appeal, 101 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70123, (504) 376-1445. (See Exhibit B)

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. 620 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 665 by Representative Barras

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 665, which made appropriations for the expenses of the legislature for FY17-18.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to reduce the amount of State General Fund allocated in the original House Bill No. 1 to the existing operating budget. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 665 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 665 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 665 Special Order No. 7 on May 4, 2017. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 403 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 403, which provided for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds.

Representative Miguez offered a set of amendments to add any funds collected, after the FY17-18 budget passed, into the Overcollections Fund and limit the appropriation to nonrecurring purposes. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 403 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 403 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 403. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 403 Special Order No. 3 on May 4, 2017. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to provide information were Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and Ms. Rachel Broussard, State Budget Manager, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005.

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. 403 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 625 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 625, which made supplemental appropriations for FY16-17.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to increase certain interagency transfers and fees, self-generated revenues, and statutory dedications in House Bill No. 1. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 625 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 625 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 625 Special Order No. 6 for May 4, 2017. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 625. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to provide information was Ms. Ternisa Hutchinson, Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005.

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. 625 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 624 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 624, which provided for revenue sharing distribution for FY17-18.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 624 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 624 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 624 Special Order No. 5 on May 4, 2017. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff to make technical changes to House Bill No. 624. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Smith offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
House Committee on Appropriations