

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
June 5, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.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 Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.

Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Katie Address, 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

Senate Bill No. 187 by Senator Hewitt

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 187, which provided for establishment of a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for mental health programs administered by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to add staffing and cost provisions, and offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 187 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 187 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, McFarland, Miguez, Pylant, and Zeringue 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. 187 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 232 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 232, which provided relative to funds and state funds.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to eliminate the amendments related to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and to add provisions directing the Department of Justice to transfer

escrow funds to the State Emergency Response Fund. 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, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a set of amendments to add a requirement for written notification (to the Cash Management Review Board) of funds to be placed in escrow, and to maintain detailed records.

Mr. Thomas Enright, First Assistant to the Treasurer, Department of Treasury, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-0040, discussed the purpose of the amendments.

Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 232 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 232 was reported with amendments by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue 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. 232 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 251 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 251, which authorized the securitization of the economic damage portion of the Deepwater Horizon income stream.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 251, to which Representative Smith objected. Senate Bill No. 251 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, and Pylant voted yea. Representatives Billiot, Carter, Miller, Smith, and Zeringue voted nay.

Present to provide information was Mr. Rick McGimsey, Executive Counsel, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7058.

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. 251 is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Armes offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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