

## House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 24, 2017

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Chris Broadwater, vice chairman  
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Marcus L. Hunter  
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Gregory Cromer  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Scott M. Simon

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shana Veade, attorney  
Alana C. Madison, secretary  
Nikita Garner, clerk  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 63 by Senator Gatti**

On behalf of Senator Gatti, Representative Tanner McGee presented Senate Bill No. 63, which provides for the classification of certain types of cancer as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to provide that the cancer does not have to be a disabling cancer in order to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, no phone number provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 63.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Amedee, Broadwater, Bagley, Cox, Falconer, Horton, James, McFarland, and Miguez voted yea.

Brandi Melissa, Post Office Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, no phone number provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 63.

Nick Felton, President, New Orleans Fire Fighters Association, 3520 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA (504) 366-8564, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 63.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 63 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 63 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jefferson, Amedee, Broadwater, Bagley, Cox, Falconer, Horton, Hunter, James, McFarland, Miguez, and Pierre voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Patrick O. Jefferson  
House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Date adopted: