

## **House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 18, 2017

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Stephen C. Dwight  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman  
Representative Barbara M. Norton  
Representative Jerome Richard

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tina Righteous, attorney  
Valarie Banks, secretary  
David Gauthier, analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Carter Stone, clerk  
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 99 by Senator Donahue**

Senator Donahue presented Senate Bill No. 99, which provides relative to the St. Tammany Parish Development District.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 99 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 99 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Dwight, Edmonds, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 143 by Senator Chabert**

On behalf of Senator Chabert, Representative Stokes presented Senate Bill No. 143, which provides relative to sales, leases, and subleases of immovable property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7009, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 143.

Julia George, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8185, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 143.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 143 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 143 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Luneau**

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 5, which provides relative to per diem for the Rapides Parish Sewerage District No. 2.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 199 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 199, which allows the sharing of equipment between public entities.

Representative White offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 199 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 199 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 200 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 200, which provides for an increase of members to the board of supervisors of the Livingston Parish Sewer District.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 200 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 200 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 210 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 210, which provides for an increase of commissioners to the board of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of Livingston Parish.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 210 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 210 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 238 by Senator Perry**

On behalf of Senator Perry, Representative Stefanski presented Senate Bill No. 238, which authorizes the town of Duson to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 238 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 238 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 204 by Senator Gary Smith**

On behalf of Senator Gary Smith, Chris Guidry, St. John Parish, 1801 U.S. 61, LaPlace, LA 70068, presented Senate Bill No. 204, which authorizes St. John the Baptist Parish to name a library after Norris Butch Millet, Sr.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 204 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 204 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 667 by Representative Glover**

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 667, which provides relative to the Shreveport Implementation and Redevelopment Authority.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 667 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 667 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Berthelot announced that the next meeting of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs would be Wednesday, May 24, at 10 a.m.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Glover, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot  
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: