

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 24, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Gregory A. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam Jones, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, attorney
Linda Hopkins, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Paul Richmond, actuarial services manager, office of the legislative auditor
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 7 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 7, which provides for benefits for survivors of members killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence.

Irwin Felts, executive director, La. State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-8400, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 7.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 7 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 7 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 8, which provides for correction of membership and enrollment errors in the state and statewide retirement systems.

Warren Ponder, executive director, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-4810, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 8.

Gary Curran, actuary, G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd., 10555 N. Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 769-4825, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 8.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 8 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 3, which provides for the treasurer and the secretary of state to be members of the board of trustees.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 3.

Lorraine C. Dees, director, Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System, P. O. Box 57, Jennings, LA 70546, (337) 370-9175, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 3.

Brian J. Champagne, St. Charles Parish Registrar of Voters, P. O. Box 315, Hanhville, LA 70057, (985) 783-5120, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 3.

Representative Hollis offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 3 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pearson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pearson, Abraham, Bacala, Hollis, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman J. Kevin Pearson
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Date adopted: