

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
April 24, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Neil C. Abramson, chairman
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris, vice chairman
Representative Clay Schexnayder
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alison Pryor, deputy director
Ms. Elise C. Read, legislative analyst

Ms. Tina Vanichchagorn, attorney
Ms. Linda Hopkins, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Ms. Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Ms. Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 628 by Representative Jones

Representative Jones presenting House Bill No. 628, which imposes the Commercial Activity Tax.

Present to speak for information only were Secretary Kimberly Robinson and Mr. Luke Morris, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Affairs, La. Dept. of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-1265. (See Exhibits A, B, C, and D)

The following organizations submitted written testimony: Council on State Taxation (COST) (See Exhibit E); HealthCare Distribution Alliance (See Exhibit F); and The Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (See Exhibit G).

There was very lengthy discussion on the bill and different amendments were discussed, but none were adopted.

Chairman Abramson recessed at 11:25 a.m.; the committee reconvened at 2:05 p.m., with Vice Chair Jim Morris in the chair.

Discussion on House Bill No. 628 and several amendments related to the bill continued. The bill will be scheduled for a future meeting for additional discussion.

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 is available upon request.

Chairman Abramson in the chair.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abramson announced the committee would begin tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Abramson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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