

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 8, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:10 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:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 651 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 651, which provides relative to corporate income tax credits.

Present to speak for information only were Ms. Mandi Mitchell, assistant secretary, La. Economic Development (LED), 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3000, and Mr. Greg Albrecht, chief economist, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 651 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 651 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 653 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 653, which provides relative to corporate income tax deductions.

Present to speak for information only was Mr. Greg Albrecht, chief economist, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 653 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 653 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton,

Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 653 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 153 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 153, which provides relative to the net operating loss deduction from corporate income tax.

Present to speak for information only was Mr. Greg Albrecht, chief economist, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 153 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 153 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 153 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 609 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 609, which removes the July 1, 2018, sunset date with respect to the applicability of certain exclusions and exemptions from state sales and use tax making the effectiveness of the exclusions and exemptions permanent.

Present to speak in opposition were Mr. Gregory Bowser, La. Chemical Association, One American Place, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-2609, and Ms. Jaye Calhoun, attorney, La. Chemical Association, 909 Poydras Street, Suite 3600 (no address given), (504) 669-0850.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 609 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 609 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 609 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 312 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 312, which repeals the three-year sunset of certain eligibility provisions for the tax credit for taxes paid to other states and authorizes the credit for certain individual partners or members of entities.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Stokes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 312 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 312 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes 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 House Bill No. 653 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 230 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 230, which provides for the definition of aviation gasoline.

Present to speak in support were Mr. Cary Koch and Ms. Janet Gonzales, La. Airport Managers & Associates, 8440 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 929-7033.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Stokes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 230 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 230 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 653 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 637 by Representative Lance Harris

Representative Lance Harris presented House Bill No. 637, which repeals the La. Citizens Property Insurance Corporation assessment income tax credit.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 637 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 637 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 355 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 355, which provides for the comprehensive revision of the tax code and tax incentives.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to phase-out the corporate franchise tax over four years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, by reducing the taxpayer's tax liability by 25% until the entire amount of the tax is eliminated for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, rather than repeal the tax; add provision that for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, no initial corporate franchise tax is due for newly established businesses; changes the applicability provisions of the bill from taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018 to all corporate franchise tax periods beginning on and after January 1, 2019; increase the carry-forward period for net operating loss deduction from 20 years to 30 years for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018; change the application order of net operating loss from the most recent year to the earliest year of loss; provides that the exemption for horizontal drilling does not apply to a well certified by the Dept. of Natural Resources as an incapable or stripper well; repeal provisions of present law relating to partnerships and income earned by partnerships for purposes of corporate income tax including the filing of composite returns and the computation of partnership income; clarify that for purposes of corporate income tax, the term "corporations and entities taxed as corporations" shall include all corporations and entities required to file federal form 1065 relative to U.S. return of partnership income; clarify that for purposes of the levy of the corporate income tax, business entities which are required to file federal form 1065, U.S. return of partnership income shall be subject to the state corporate income tax levied on the taxable income of business entities; clarify that for entities required to file federal form 1065, U.S. return of partnership income, "gross income" means the sum of lines one through eleven that is reportable in Schedule K, subject to modifications specified in present law; eliminate income and losses subject to corporate or business taxes from the calculation of adjusted gross income for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability; add applicability provisions for proposed law changes relative to corporate franchise taxes for corporate franchise tax periods beginning on and after January 1, 2019; add effective date of September 1, 2017 to proposed law relative to severance tax; and to add contingent effectiveness on January 1,

2018, if House Bill No. 356 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and if certain bills of the 2017 Regular Session are enacted. Representative Abramson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Present to speak for information only was Ms. Kristin Sanders, deputy assistant secretary, Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8200; and Secretary Kimberly Robinson, La. Dept. of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (855) 307-3893.

Present to speak in opposition was Ms. Mackenzie Ledet, Historic Tax Credit Coalition, 236 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 615-3345. (See Exhibit F)

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 355 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 355 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Seabaugh, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 355 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 356 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 356, a Constitutional Amendment, which provides for flat income tax rates and eliminates the income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income tax liability.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if certain bills of the 2017 Regular Session are passed. Representative Abramson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 356 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 356 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 357 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 357, which repeals the state income tax deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income tax.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to allow staff to add contingent effective language to make certain bills alike. Representative Abramson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 357 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 357 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 358 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 358, which eliminates the deductibility of federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating state individual income tax liability.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if certain bills in the 2017 Regular Session are passed. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 358 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 358 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Seabaugh voted yea.

House Bill No. 359 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 359, which provides for a flat tax rate for purposes of calculating individual income tax, increases the amount of the earned income tax credit, and modifies other income tax credits and deductions.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if House Bill No. 356 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and if certain bills from the 2017 Regular Session become effective. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 359 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 359 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

House Bill No. 360 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 360, which levies a flat tax on business income and provides relative to business entities subject to the tax.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if House Bill No. 356 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and if certain bills from the 2017 Regular Session are enacted. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to repeal certain provisions relating to partnerships and income earned by partnerships, including the filing of composite returns and the computation of partnership income; clarify definitions; clarify that certain business entities are required to file federal form 1065, U.S. return of partnership income; and eliminate certain income and losses subject to calculating individual income tax liability. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 360 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 360 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

House Bill No. 361 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 361, which phases-out the corporation franchise tax beginning January 1, 2019.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to phase-out the corporate franchise tax over four years beginning on January 1, 2019, by reducing the taxpayer's tax liability by 25% until the entire amount of the tax is eliminated, rather than repeal the tax; clarifies that for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, no initial corporate franchise tax is due for newly established businesses; and change the applicability provisions of the bill. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if House Bill No. 356 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and if certain bills from the 2017 Regular Session are passed. Representative Abramson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 361 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 361 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

House Bill No. 362 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 362, which provides with respect to income and corporation franchise tax credits.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to make the bill applicable for income tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and franchise tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and to make the bill effective on January 1, 2018. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness on January 1, 2018, if House Bill No. 356 of the Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and

if certain bills of the 2017 Regular Session are enacted. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 362 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 362 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes 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 House Bill No. 653 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 364 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 364, which provides with respect to the rate and base for the state tax on certain natural resources severed from the soil or water.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to provide that the exemption for horizontal drilling does not apply to a well certified by the Dept. of Natural Resources as an incapable or stripper well. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add an effective date of September 1, 2017, and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to add contingent effectiveness for proposed law if certain bills from the 2017 Regular Session become effective. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 364 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 364 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Abramson, Bouie, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, and Stokes voted yea.

House Bill No. 366 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 366, a Constitutional Amendment, which provides with respect to the classification and valuation of property and local option relative to certain exemptions.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 366 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 366 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 653 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 622 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 622, which provides relative to the taxing authority and bonding capacity of the Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 622. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 622 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Hunter, Huval, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut 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 House Bill No. 622 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 648 by Representative Havard

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 648, which levies the Louisiana Business Tax, a flat tax payable by corporations.

Representative Jim Morris offered a substitute bill that had a single, higher rate of tax than that levied in the original bill, but did not require compensation to be added back to business income, and had a two-factor apportionment formula for businesses with income from both within and outside

of Louisiana. Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the substitute bill was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Huval, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea. The substitute bill was returned to the committee's calendar for consideration at a later date.

Present at table to provide information only were Secretary Kimberly Robinson, Secretary, and Mr. Luke Morris, Assistant Secretary, La. Dept. of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219- 2165.

There was no further discussion on the bill. The bill was returned to the committee's calendar for consideration at a later date.

House Bill No. 655 by Representative Reynolds

On behalf of Representative Reynolds, Secretary Robinson introduced House Bill No. 655, which provides with respect to the levy of state sales and use taxes on certain sales of services.

Representative Abramson offered technical amendments, and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill. The bill was returned to the committee's calendar for consideration at a later date.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Abramson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
House Committee on Ways and Means