

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 30, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:09 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 Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris, vice chairman
Representative Clay Schexnayder
Representative Alan Seabaugh
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III

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. Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Mills

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 10, which authorizes the St. Martin Parish Assessment District to provide for an automobile expense allowance for the assessor.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 140 by Senator Walsworth

Senator Walsworth presented Senate Bill No. 140, a Constitutional Amendment, to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property delivered to a construction site.

Present to speak in support were Mr. Don Allison, Driftwood LNG, 9270 Siegen Lane, Suite #801, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-1818; and Mr. Chris DiCharry, Kean Miller, representing the Louisiana Chemical Association, (no address given) (225) 382-3492.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to clarify that the exemption applies to property that will become a component part of the project for which the property has been delivered and is applicable until the project is complete, and deletes the provisions relative to the November 6, 2018 election.

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, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 140 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 140 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, DeVillier, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 140 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 243 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 243, which provides relative to the tax credit for conversion of alternative fuel vehicles.

Present to speak in opposition was Mr. Randy Hayden, Louisiana Propane Gas Association, Post Office Box 14204, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, (225) 763-8988.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 243 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 243 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 97 by Senator Fannin

Senator Fannin presented Senate Bill No. 97, which provides relative to the sales and use tax exemption for feed, seed, and fertilizer used by commercial farmers.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 97 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 97 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 241 by Senator Johns

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 241, which restores the sales and use tax exemption for dental devices.

Present to speak in support was Mr. Ward Blackwell, Louisiana Dental Association, 7833 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 926-1986.

Representative Jim Morris offered amendments to change effectiveness from governor's signature to July 1, 2018, and make technical changes. Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 241 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 241 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 140 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 25 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 25, which sunsets the individual income tax education credit.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, 426 Atherton Drive, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 228-0988.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Schexnayder offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 25 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 25 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 30 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 30, which extends the Tax Free Shopping Program set to terminate on July 1, 2017.

Present to speak for information only was Mr. Steven Windham, Louisiana Tax Free Shopping, 11445 Sheraton Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, (225) 772-7794. (See Exhibit A)

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Stokes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 30 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 30 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 25 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 177 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 177, which provides relative to the Motion Picture Tax Credit Program for the withholding of income tax for performance of services on a state-certified production.

Representative Stokes offered amendments to clarify that amounts not subject to federal withholding would not be subject to withholding provisions of proposed law. Representative Stokes offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Stokes offered a conceptual amendment to add an effective date of July 1, 2017. Representative Stokes offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Stokes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 177 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 177 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 177 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 180 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 180, which restores the sales and use tax exemption for medical devices.

Present to speak in support was Ms. Cindy Bishop, Louisiana Orthopaedic Association, (no further information given).

Representative Jim Morris offered technical amendments to change the paragraph designation of proposed law. Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Stokes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 180 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 180 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 180 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 248 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 248, which provides for an annual cap and a termination date for the musical and theatrical production income tax credit.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to extend the termination date of the tax credit from "July 1, 2021" to "July 1, 2025." 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 248 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 248 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 248 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 182 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 182, which provides for the tax credit for ad valorem taxes paid on inventory by taxpayers included in one consolidated federal income tax return.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to add applicability provisions. 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 182 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 182 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 140 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 172, which terminates certain tax credits as of January 1, 2019.

Present to speak in opposition were Mr. Jim Patterson, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388; and Mr. Robert Baumann, Southern Company Gas, 616 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-8036.

Representative Huval offered amendments to delete the termination date of the income tax offset for insurance premiums collected by insurance companies. Representative Huval 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Schexnayder offered amendments to change the termination date of the tax credit for milk producers from "January 1, 2022" to "January 1, 2025". Representative Schexnayder 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to delete the termination date in proposed law for the inventory tax credit. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 172 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 172 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 172 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 178 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 178, which establishes termination dates for certain tax credits and incentive programs administered by the Department of Economic Development.

Present to speak for information only was Ms. Mandi Mitchell, assistant secretary, Louisiana Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 178 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 178 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 178 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 183 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 183, which provides termination dates for certain tax incentive and rebate programs.

Present to speak for information only was Ms. Mandi Mitchell, assistant secretary, Louisiana Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to clarify businesses not eligible for the Quality Jobs Program. 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 183 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 183 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Stokes voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 183 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 61 by Senator Allain

Senator Allain presented Senate Bill No. 61, a Constitutional Amendment, to authorize local economic development authorities or districts to enter into contracts to exempt offshore vessels from ad valorem taxation.

Present to speak in support was Mr. Aaron Smith, Offshore Marine Service Association, New Orleans Exchange Center, 934 Gravier Street, Suite 2040, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 528-9411.

Present to speak in opposition was Mr. Glenn Waguespack, Louisiana Assessors' Association, 731 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Representative Jim Morris offered amendments to clarify that the exemption applies to contracts entered into by the entity charged with economic development. Representative Jim Morris 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, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Hunter, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 61 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 61 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Hunter, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 61 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 95, which changes the rebate for donations to certain school tuition organizations to a nonrefundable income tax credit.

Present to speak in support were Representative Kirk Talbot, District 78, and Ms. Kelli Bottger, Louisiana Federation for Children, 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 936-9800.

Present to speak for information were Mr. Nick Albares, Louisiana Budget Project, 144 Maximillian Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 330-1245, and Ms. Jodi Mauroner, education sector director, Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233.

Present to speak in opposition were Mr. Gene Mills, Louisiana Family Forum, 655 St. Ferdinand, Baton Rouge, LA (225) 344-8533; Mr. Timothy Supple, 311 Camberly Circle, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 247-4286; Ms. Melissa Delage, The Church Academy, 15189 Amanda Drive, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 315-9356; Mr. Douglas Touns, eLearning Academy, 806 North Acadia Road, Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 447-5994; Mr. Jay Miller, principal, Lafayette Christian Academy, 220 Portland Avenue, Lafayette, LA (337) 319-2566; Mr. Nelson Warner, Bridge Ministry of Acadiana, 533 Beaulieu Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 298-2277; Mr. Scott Hymel, Extreme Ranch Rodeo, 12237 Griffith Road, Gonzales, LA, (225) 715-0108; Ms. Frances Willis, 40295 Bordeaux Street, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 892-7062, and Ms. Scarlet Wooten, 40295 Bordeaux Street, (225) 892-7062.

Representative Abramson offered a technical amendment. Representative Abramson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to change the timing of when the credit is earned, prohibit donors from requesting refunds of certain donations, require a certain portion of donations to be dedicated to certain students, and require a portion of remaining donations to be transferred to the state general fund. 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, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 95 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 95 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 95 is available upon request.

Senate Bill No. 79 by Senator Luneau

On behalf of Senator Luneau, Representative Walt Leger presented Senate Bill No. 79, which removes the June 30, 2018, sunset provision and makes permanent reductions to certain income and corporation franchise tax credits.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 79 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 79 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 79 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 368 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 368, which provides for the classification of and applicable fair market value percentages for property subject to ad valorem taxation.

Present to speak in opposition was Mr. Carmack M. Blackmon, Louisiana Railroads Association, P. O. Box 44035, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 388-9871.

Representative Abramson offered amendments to specify that effectiveness of proposed law is contingent upon passage of House Bill No. 366. 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, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 368 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 368 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on Senate Bill No. 368 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 635 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 635, which provides with respect to sales tax holidays.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 635 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 635 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

A copy of witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information only on House Bill No. 635 is available upon request.

House Bill No. 367 by Representative Ivey

House Bill No. 367 repeals authority for tax exemption contracts to be granted by the Board of Commerce and Industry for manufacturing establishments, corporate headquarters, and warehousing and distribution establishments. There was no discussion on the bill. Chairman Abramson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 367. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 367 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 369 by Representative Ivey

House Bill No. 369, a Constitutional Amendment, provides relative to the ad valorem tax exemption for new or existing manufacturing establishments. There was no discussion on the bill. Chairman Abramson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 369. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 369 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 251 by Senator LaFleur

Senate Bill No. 251 authorizes the securitization of the economic damage portion of the Deepwater Horizon income stream. There was no discussion on the bill. Representative Abramson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 251 without action with recommendation that it be moved to the House Appropriations Committee. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 251 was reported without action with recommendation that it be moved to the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, and Thibaut voted yea.

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 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
House Committee on Ways and Means