

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 First Extraordinary Session  
February 20, 2018

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

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman  
Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Bob Hensgens  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative James K. Armes, III  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Steve E. Pylant

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Katie Andress, Secretary  
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst  
Ms. Talisha Lee, Legislative Analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Vivian Hurst, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Faye Talbot, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Barras**

Representative Barras presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which reduces the expenditure limit for FY 18-19.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 15 by Representative Barras**

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 15, a Constitutional Amendment which provided for changes in the expenditure limit calculation. (See Exhibit A)

Representative Henry offered a technical amendment and offered a motion to adopt the amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 15 with amendments.

Without objection, House Bill No. 15 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 15.

Mr. Barry Dusse, Director, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 15.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 0 in opposition, and 0 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 12 by Representative Barras**

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 12, which provided for changes in the expenditure limit calculation.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 12 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 12 was reported favorably by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Mr. Jan Moller, Louisiana Budget Project, 619 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 614-9126, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 12.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 0 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 29 by Representative Barras**

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 29, which established the Louisiana Checkbook website to provide transparency of state fiscal information.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 29 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 29 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 29.

Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 29.

Mr. Jonathan Walker, Assistant Director, Office of State Procurement, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-8010, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 29.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support, 0 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 1 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 1, which established the Louisiana Fiscal Transparency Website as a source of information for state expenditures.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support, 0 in opposition, and 5 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Leger, Miguez, Richard, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry  
House Committee on Appropriations