

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Second Extraordinary Session
May 29, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.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 Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Katie Address, Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Henry**

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 1, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Representative Henry offered amendments to add certain funds for certain programs within the Board of Regents and Higher Education and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 35 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 35, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the ordinary operating expenses of state government.

Representative Henry offered an amendment to add funding for district attorneys and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Carter offered an amendment to restore funding for senior centers and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 35 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 35 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 33 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 33, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the expenses of the legislature.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 33 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 33 was reported favorably by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 34 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 34, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the expenses of the judiciary.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 34 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 34 was reported favorably by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 26 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 26, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Representative McFarland offered amendments to provide funding for certain public-private partnership hospitals according to the original cooperative endeavor agreement entered into with the State of Louisiana. Representative McFarland also offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The amendments were withdrawn before a vote was taken.

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. 26.

Mr. W. Jeff Reynolds, Undersecretary, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), P.O. Box 3797, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 342-6726, spoke for information only on House Bill No.26.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, 1 in opposition, and 8 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 passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Hensgens, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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