

## **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 2:11 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. 10 by Representative Barras**

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 10, which establishes the Louisiana Checkbook website to provide transparency of state fiscal information.

Representative Foil offered a motion to report House Bill No. 10 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 10 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, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, 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. 10.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 2 for information only.

**House Bill No. 5 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 5, which establishes the Louisiana Checkbook website to provide transparency of state fiscal information.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 5 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 5 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, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 for information only.

**House Bill No. 31 by Representative Gary Carter**

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 31, which repeals the termination date on the New Orleans Ferry Fund and dedicates a portion of the truck and trailer fees collected in Jefferson Parish into the Jefferson Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund.

Representative Billiot offered an amendment to change the percentage being taken out of the fund from 15% to 25%, and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Falconer offered an amendment to create the St. Tammany Parish Maintenance Improvement Fund, and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 31 with amendments, to which Representative Pylant objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 11 yeas and 12 nays. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Billiot, Carter, Falconer, Foil, Leger, Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, and Pylant voted nay.

Representative Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 31. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 31 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Mr. Joshua Hollins, Legislative Liaison, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 31.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 2 for information only.

**House Bill No. 10 by Representative Barras**

Mr. Theodore Quant, Poor People's Campaign, 5527 Eads Street, New Orleans 70122, (504) 286-2347, and Mr. Peter Robins-Brown, Poor People's Campaign, 613 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 256-8196, spoke in support of House Bill No. 10 and presented a petition to the committee regarding the FY18-19 budget.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Representative Leger discussed House Bill No. 26 of the 2018 Second Extraordinary Session, which was considered at the May 29, 2018, upon adjournment of the House meeting.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry  
House Committee on Appropriations