

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Second Extraordinary Session
June 3, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 3:21 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 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 Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Steve E. Pylant

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

Senate Bill No. 19 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 19, which repeals the termination date of the New Orleans Ferry Fund.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, City of New Orleans and Regional Transit Authority, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 19.

Dr. Shawn Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1232, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 19.

Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin, District 35, 320 Sixth Street, Jonesboro, LA 71251, (318) 259-6620, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 19.

Mr. Alan Boxberger, General Government Section Director, Legislative Fiscal Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 19.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 19 favorably, to which Representative Lance Harris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 13 nays. Representatives Billiot, Carter, Foil, Leger, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hensgens, McFarland, Miguez, and Zeringue voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Riser

Senator Riser presented Senate Bill No. 20, which provides relative to the Office of Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund.

Ms. Ava Dejoie, Executive Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3001, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 20.

Mr. Benny Soulier, Undersecretary, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3110, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 20.

Ms. Sheral Kellar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4561, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 20.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 20 favorably, to which Representative Edmonds objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Carter, Chaney, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Henry, Amedée, Billiot, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, and Hodges voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 13 by Senator Ward

On behalf of Senator Ward, Representative Ivey presented Senate Bill No. 13, which provides relative to the reporting of state expenditures through the fiscal transparency website.

Representative Henry offered an amendment to delete the requirement that contractors list each subcontractor who is paid \$1,000 or more per year for services under the contract. Representative Henry also offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 13 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 13 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Smith offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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