

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2018 First Extraordinary Session
February 21, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Randal L. Gaines, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Gregory A. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Gregory Cromer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert A. Singletary, attorney
Steve Kogos, attorney
Stephanie Weinman, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Jordan Zeringue, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 15 by Representative Barras

On behalf of Representative Barras, Representative Garofalo presented House Bill No. 15, a constitutional amendment which provides for changes in the expenditure limit calculation.

Representative Garofalo offered an amendment to specify in the ballot language that the procedure to determine the expenditure limit is applicable to each fiscal year and not just the next fiscal year. Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Robby Carter, Crews, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 15, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to House Bill No. 15 was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Robby Carter, Crews, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

Mr. Dylan Waguespack, Louisiana Budget Project, 619 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 450 - 7496, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 15.

Representative Garofalo 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 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Robby Carter, Crews, Emerson, Gaines, Jenkins, Magee, and Gregory Miller voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
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