

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall, vice chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Ken Brass
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, legislative analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Camille Arceneaux, clerk
Andrew Bougard, clerk
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Chairman Landry announced that debate on Senate Bill No. 303 would resume from the May 8, 2018, meeting of the House Committee on Education. Questions from committee members to the bill's author would be allowed, but no testimony from witnesses would be allowed. Witness cards from the previous meeting would be reentered into the record. Amendments were adopted at the May 8, 2018, meeting, a copy of which is included in each member's folder, #4108.

Senate Bill No. 303 by Senator Milkovich

Senator Milkovich presented Senate Bill No. 303, which provides relative to bullying.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a five-minute rule for author presentation on Senate Bill No. 303. Without objection, a five-minute rule for presentation by the author on Senate Bill No. 303 was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Brass, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule for question and answer sessions on Senate Bill No. 303. Without objection, a three-minute rule was adopted for question and answer sessions on Senate Bill No. 303 by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Brass, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Names below were reentered into the record from the May 8, 2018, House Committee on Education meeting.

Evelyn Breck Loux, 1908 Capris Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA 71112, (318) 747-9716, in support of Senate Bill No. 303.

Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, 13609 Landmark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-2498, for information only on Senate Bill No. 303.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals 103 Crawford Street, Winnfield, LA 71483, (504) 909-4650, in opposition to Senate Bill No. 303.

Sarah Omojola, Southern Poverty Law Center, 201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 2000, New Orleans, LA 70170, (504) 526-1520, in opposition to Senate Bill No. 303.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, in opposition to Senate Bill No. 303.

Erin Bendily, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 247-7877, in opposition to Senate Bill No. 303.

Michele Lappin, 21761 Highway 40, Bush, LA 70431, (985) 373-5529, in opposition to Senate Bill No. 303.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 303. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 303 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Brass, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 by Senator Carter

On behalf of Senator Carter, Representative Bouie presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92, which requests the state Department of Education to report to the legislature regarding implementation of the recommendations made in the Alternative Education Study Group Report.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Brass, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: