

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dorothy Sue Hill

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Christina Porter, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 54 by Representative Hollis

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 54, which provides relative to recall elections.

John Couvillon, JMC Analytics and Polling, 1025 Chippenham Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-802-9756, spoke in support of House Bill No. 54.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 54 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 54 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 351 by Representative Jenkins

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 351, which provides relative to voting by persons in a nursing home.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 351 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 351 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 3 for information only.

House Bill No. 595 by Representative Gary Carter

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 595, which provides for early voting on Sunday.

Brian Champagne, St. Charles Parish Registrar of Voters, P. O. Box 315, Hahnville, LA 70056, 985-783-5120, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 595.

Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant Secretary of State, and Honorable Tom Schedler, Secretary of State, 8585 Archives, Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, informed the committee that their office opposes the bill.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 595 favorably, to which Representative Lance Harris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, and Jenkins voted yea. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted nay.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 595. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 595 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition and 1 for information only.

House Bill No. 650 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 650, which creates a program for education savings accounts for tuition expenses for elementary and secondary schools, noting that a public records exception caused it to be dual-referred to the committee.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 650 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 650 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support.

House Bill No. 272 by Representative Hall

Representative Hall presented House Bill No. 272, which provides with respect to group purchasing of materials, equipment, and supplies, noting that a public records exception caused it to be dual-referred to the committee.

Dannie P. Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street, #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, 225-382-0333, testified in support of the bill.

Representative Jenkins offered amendments to restore a provision that the price list of items purchased is a public record when bids are opened, and to make a technical change.

Rick McGimsey and Jonathan Walker, Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd Street, #2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-342-1038, spoke for information on the bill.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report the bill with amendments and with a recommendation to recommit it to the House Committee on Appropriations. Without objection, House Bill No. 272 was reported with amendments with the recommendation to recommit to the House Committee on Appropriations by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 487 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 487, which creates a program for education savings accounts for tuition expenses for elementary and secondary schools.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 487 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 487 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 1 in opposition.

House Bill No. 601 by Representative Shadoin

Representative Shadoin presented House Bill No. 601, which prohibits disclosure by the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Department of State of information that, if disclosed, may compromise the security of the state voter registration computer system and election management system.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 601 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 601 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 3 for information only.

House Bill No. 682 by Representative Shadoin

Representative Shadoin presented House Bill No. 682, which provides relative to elections of alcoholic beverages propositions.

Merietta Norton, office of the secretary of state, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225 - 922-8547, spoke for information only.

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 225-922-2880, spoke for information only.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to make technical changes.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 682 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 682 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 692 by Representative Shadoin

Representative Shadoin presented House Bill No. 692, which makes technical revisions to the Louisiana Election Code.

Honorable Tom Schedler, secretary of state, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-0547, spoke for information only.

Merietta Norton, office of the secretary of state, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-922-0547, spoke for information only.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to remove provisions of present law relative to the nursing home early voting program that require the registrar to post the ward and precinct of each voter.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Shadoin offered amendments requiring Certificate No. 1 to also include the number shown on the public counter on each voting machine and technical changes explained by Ms. Norton.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Brian Champagne, St. Charles Parish Registrar of Voters, P. O. Box 315, Hahnville, LA 70057, 985-783-5120, spoke in support of the bill.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 692 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 692 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Danahay announced that House Bill Nos. 211, 552, and 565 would be moved to the following meeting's agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date approved: _____

The committee has acknowledged on _____, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.