

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 12, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 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
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 887 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 887, which prohibits the acceptance of certain campaign contributions by the chairman of the State Bond Commission.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 887. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 887 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 810 by Representative Chaney

Representative Chaney presented House Bill No. 810, which provides relative to the members of the board of commissioners of certain hospital service districts.

Dr. Ted Topolewski, Madison Parish Hospital, 900 Johnson Street, Tallulah, LA 71282, 504-516-4202, spoke for information only on the bill.

Jack Stolier, Madison Parish Hospital Service District, Tallulah, LA, 504-561-1044, spoke for information only on the bill.

Wendell Lindsay, Louisiana Common Cause, 5874 Chandler Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 810 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 810 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin, voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 770 by Representative Gregory Miller

House Bill No. 770 provides relative to the special campaign finance reports due within the period beginning twenty days prior to the election.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 770. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 770 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 305 by Senator Thompson

Representative Anders presented Senate Bill No. 305, which authorizes the governing authority of certain parishes to appoint members to a hospital service district.

William Rucker, Concordia Parish Hospital Service District, Ferriday, LA, 318-757-6551, spoke for information only on the bill.

Representative Jay Morris offered amendments to remove the specific requirement that the physician appointed shall serve in place of the immediate past chief of staff of the hospital medical staff.

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

Representative Jay Morris offered amendments to provide that the designation of the physician as the physician member of the board of commissioners is a designation notwithstanding other provisions of law.

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

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225-219-5600, spoke for information only on the bill.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 305 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 305 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 307 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 307, which provides for the rights of certain crime victims.

Sunny Funk, LDAA and Jefferson Parish district attorney's office, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053, 504-368-1020, spoke in support of the bill.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 307 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 307 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, and Pugh voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
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Date approved: _____

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