

## **House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 25, 2018

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
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  
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Jimmy Harris  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Michaela Wells, sergeant at arms  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 133 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 133, which provides relative to documents submitted to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to specify that the access given to the system is not to all documents submitted to the state fire marshal but access to examine and reproduce plans, drawings, and specifications submitted to the office of state fire marshal. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 133 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 133 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 169 by Senator Thompson**

On behalf of the author, Dr. Mike Strain, commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, P. O. Box 631, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821-0631, 225-342-7270, presented Senate Bill No. 169, which provides relative to seed testing and labeling.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 169. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Tabitha Irvin, executive counsel, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-278-2051, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 169.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 169 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 169 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay 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.

**Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator Thompson**

On behalf of the author, Dr. Mike Strain, commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, P. O. Box 631, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821-0631, 225-342-7270, presented Senate Bill No. 168, which exempts certain Department of Agriculture and Forestry records from the Public Records Law.

Tabitha Irvin, executive counsel, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0631, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 168.

Hampton Grunewald, LSU AgCenter, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 168.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 168 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 168 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay 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.

**House Resolution No. 92 by Representative Connick**

Representative Connick presented House Resolution No. 92, which requests the legislative auditor to conduct an audit of the contracts of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendment. Without objection, the technical amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Daryl Purpera, legislative auditor, P. O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-339-3839, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 92.

Rodney Braxton, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-381-0166, spoke in opposition to House Resolution No. 92.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 92 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 92 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and

0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 177 by Senator Walsworth**

On behalf of the author, Daryl Purpera, legislative auditor, P. O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-339-3839, presented Senate Bill No. 177, which authorizes the legislative auditor to obtain certain information about employees with access to federal tax records of auditees.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 177 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 177 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 25 by Representative Leger**

Representative Danahay presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 25, which requests the House and Governmental Affairs and Senate and Governmental Affairs committees to meet and function as a joint committee to study the use of technology in Louisiana's elections.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 25. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 25 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 816 by Representative Jones**

Representative Jones presented House Bill No. 816, which provides relative to the Port of South Louisiana.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 816. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 816 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay 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.

**House Resolution No. 59 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Resolution No. 59, which requests the legislative auditor to conduct an audit of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Daryl Purpera, legislative auditor, P. O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-339-3839, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 59.

Kevin Hayes, Friends of the Baton Rouge Zoo, 416 North 4<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-268-2725, spoke in opposition to House Resolution No. 59.

Corey Wilson, BREC, 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-273-6420, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 59.

Carolyn F. McKnight, BREC, 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-273-6420, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 59.

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

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 59 with amendments, to which Representative Shadoin objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Resolution No. 59 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Jay Morris, and Danahay voted yea. Representatives Gregory Miller and Shadoin voted nay.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43 by Senator Walsworth**

Senator Walsworth presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43, which creates the Louisiana Historical Archives Task Force.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments to the bill. 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, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 861 by Representative Gaines**

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 861, which provides for election sections for the election of judges to the Thirty-Second Judicial District Court.

Wayne Thibodeaux, representing the Black Community of Gray, Louisiana, P. O. Box 990, Gray, LA 70359, 985-381-0177 spoke in support of House Bill No. 861.

Jerome Boykin, Sr., Terrebonne NAACP, 405 Aldoyne Dr., Houma, LA 70360, 985-209-7576, spoke in support of House Bill No. 861.

Anthony P. Lewis, 100 Sherman St., Houma, LA, 985-448-3612, spoke in support of House Bill No. 861.

Jeffrey Wale, Louisiana Attorney General's Office, 1885 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, 225-326-6060, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 861.

Ernest Johnson, NAACP, 3313 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 225-334-7490, spoke in support of House Bill No. 861.

Daniel Turner, NAACP, address incomplete, Houma, Louisiana 985-804-5858, spoke in support of House Bill No. 861.

Gordon E. Dove, Terrebonne Parish, Main St., address incomplete, 985-876-3401, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 861.

Julius P. Hebert, Jr., Terrebonne Parish, address incomplete, Houma, LA, 985-876-4324, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 861.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 861 favorably, to which Representative Jay Morris objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Jenkins, and Danahay voted yea. Representatives Ivey, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Shadoin voted nay.

There was no final action taken on House Bill No. 861.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 1 in opposition. 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 12:29 p.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.