

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 1, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
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
Adele Borne, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 62 by Representative Edmonds

Representative Edmonds presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 62, which requests the House and Governmental Affairs and Senate and Governmental Affairs committees to meet and function as a joint committee to study moving all school board elections to the gubernatorial or presidential election.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 62 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 62 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Jay Morris, Pugh, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

House Resolution No. 142 by Representative Lance Harris

Representative Lance Harris presented House Resolution No. 142, which provides for a procedure to pass over controversial instruments on third reading, to be referred to as the "Berthelot Rule".

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 142 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 142 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 31, a constitutional amendment to provide for disqualification from seeking or holding an elective office.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to provide that the proposed constitutional amendment does not prohibit a person from being employed by the state or a political subdivision; to change terminology from "take" an office to "hold" an office; and to allow a person convicted of a felony to hold an appointment of honor, trust, or profit if more than five years have elapsed since the completion of his original sentence for the conviction.

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 Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gregory Miller offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 31 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 31 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 142 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of the author, Representative Jimmy Harris presented Senate Bill No. 142, which re-creates the Department of State Civil Service and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 142 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 142 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance 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.

Senate Bill No. 419 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of the author, Representative Jimmy Harris presented Senate Bill No. 419, which repeals the provision for recusal for members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and changes provisions permitting certain persons to serve on the board.

Matt Gresham, Port of New Orleans, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130, 504-528-3255, spoke in favor of Senate Bill No. 419.

Representative Jay Morris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 419 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 419 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Lance Harris, 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 and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 457 by Senator Walsworth

Senator Walsworth presented Senate Bill No. 457, which provides for recall election petitions.

Lani Durio, office of the secretary of state, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125, 225-287-7476, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 457.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 457 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 457 was reported favorably by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jimmy Harris, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, and Danahay voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, discussed the recent resignation of Secretary of State Tom Schedler.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 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.