

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
March 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Lowell C. "Chris" Hazel
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
Representative Walt Leger, III, ex officio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John H. Bagneris
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Robby Carter
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative Christopher J. Leopold
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III, vice chairman
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Danielle Barringer, attorney
Michelle D. Fontenot, director
Alicia Spivey, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Jordan Zeringue, clerk
Desiree Cotton, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 394 by Representative Cox**

On behalf of Representative Cox, Representative Jackson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 394, which establishes the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 394 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, Zeringue, and Leger voted yea.

Representative Coussan in chair.

House Bill No. 213 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 213, which provides relative to the transfer of surplus monies in the Fourth Judicial District Court.

Judge Wendell Manning, Fourth Judicial District Court, 300 St. John Street, Suite 400, Monroe, LA 71203, (318) 361-2270, spoke in support of House Bill No. 213.

Representative Coussan offered amendments to require surplus funds to be transferred upon the request of the court and delete the proposed law deadline of January 31st. Representative Coussan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, Zeringue, and Leger voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 213 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 213 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, Zeringue, and Leger 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 Bill No. 218 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 218, which provides relative to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Certification Program.

Mr. Michael Ranatza, Executive Director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, spoke in support of House Bill No. 218.

Mr. Gary Bennett, Assistant Executive Director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, spoke in support of House Bill No. 218.

Representative Hazel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 218 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 218 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, Zeringue, and Leger voted yea.

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House Bill No. 181 by Representative Armes

Representative Armes presented House Bill No. 181, which provides relative to the Louisiana Military Advisory Council.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 181 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 181 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Gaines, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, and Zeringue 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. 102 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 102, which provides for the transfer of certain witness fee surplus funds within Lafourche Parish.

Judge John E. LeBlanc, Chief Judge, Seventeenth Judicial District Court, 201 Green Street, 1st Floor, Thibodaux, LA 70302, (985) 447-3780, spoke in support of House Bill No. 102.

Representative Zeringue offered an amendment to change the proposed law deadline for transferring surplus funds from March 31st of each calendar year to April 30th of each calendar year. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the

amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Gaines, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 102 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 102 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Gary Carter, Coussan, Gaines, Hazel, Hodges, Magee, Marino, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Katrina R. Jackson
House Committee on Judiciary

Date adopted: