

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
March 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John A. Berthelot, chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

A. Gregory Riley, director
Valarie Banks, secretary

David Gauthier, analyst
Lisa Lovello, analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Christina Porter, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 67 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 67, which authorizes DeSoto Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 to levy certain service charges.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 67 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 67 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 68 by Representative Terry Brown

Representative Terry Brown presented House Bill No. 68, which provides for the membership of the LaSalle Economic Development District board of commissioners.

Tom Kendrick, LaSalle Economic Development District, P.O. Box 400, Jena, LA 71342, (318) 992-8256, spoke in support of House Bill No. 68.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 68 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 68 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 77 by Representative Hensgens

Representative Hensgens presented House Bill No. 77, which provides relative to the board of commissioners of Vermilion Parish Hospital Service District No. 2.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 77 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright 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. 434 by Representative Hensgens

Representative Hensgens presented House Bill No. 434, which provides relative to the board of commissioners of Vermilion Parish Hospital Service District No. 3.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 434 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 434 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 311 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 311, which creates the Delachaise Security and Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 311 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 311 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 117 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 117, which provides relative to the membership of the St. Landry Parish Fire District No. 7 board of commissioners.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 117 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 117 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright 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. 230 by Representative Berthelot

Representative Berthelot presented House Bill No. 230, which provides relative to investments by political subdivisions.

Representative Berthelot offered amendments to add a provision that the Act becomes effective upon signature of the governor, or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 230 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 230 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 683 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 683, which provides relative to the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 683 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 683 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 684 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 684, which provides relative to tax incentives granted by local governments for donations to local governments.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 684 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 684 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman announced the next meeting date as Friday, March 23, 2018. Representative Marcelle stated that the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus had scheduled a retreat for that date, which several members of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural already had committed to attend. Chairman Berthelot said he would discuss the schedule conflict with the Speaker and inform committee members of any committee meeting date revision.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Dwight, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Marcelle, Norton, Pugh, Smith, Stagni, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot
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Date adopted: