

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 18, 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 9:00 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 Rick Edmonds
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval, vice chairman
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Barbara M. Norton
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Valarie Banks, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 462 by Senator Martiny

Senator Martiny presented Senate Bill No. 462, which provides relative to the Louisiana Inclusionary Zoning and Workforce Affordable Housing Act.

Jon Luther, Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans, no address given, (504) 837-2700, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 462.

Rodney Braxton, city of New Orleans, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 462 and submitted a letter from the New Orleans city council in opposition, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Andreanecca M. Morris, Housing NOLA/GNO RTA, 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, Suite 160, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 915-4905, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 462.

Susan Meyers, Advocacy Center of Louisiana, 8325 Oak, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 208-7681, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 462.

Chris Kane, Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans, 701 Poydras Street, Suite 4500, (504) 237-4555, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 462.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 462 favorably, to which Representative Bouie objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 462 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Davis, Edmonds, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Pugh, Richard, Stagni, and White voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Glover, Lyons, and Norton voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support, and 11 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 408 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 408, which provides for authority of the Public Belt Railroad Commission.

Representative Neil Abramson, District No. 98, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 408 and submitted a packet of printed email of constituent opinions on Senate Bill No. 408, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 408 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 408 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Richard, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Morrell

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 227, which provides for the membership of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Representative Berthelot offered amendments that:

1. Clarify that the chair of the public works committee of the city council will either serve as a member of the board or appoint a member who must be a member of the committee or a civil engineer.
2. Restore present law mayoral appointments of two members of the board of liquidation, city debt rather than one member.
3. Reduce the number of mayoral appointments of citizens from eight to seven.
4. Restore present law provision for board quorum of six members rather than seven members.

Amy Glovinsky, Bureau of Governmental Research, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130-4152, (504) 525-4152, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 227 and submitted a printed email in opposition to Senate Bill No. 227, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 458-0734, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 227.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot,

Bouie, Davis, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Richard, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 227 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 227 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Richard, Stagni, and White voted yea.

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.

House Bill No. 866 by Representative Glover

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 866, which provides relative to the secretary for the municipal fire and police civil service board in certain municipalities and submitted a letter from the Shreveport Police Officer's Association in support of House Bill No. 866, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Chad Major, Professional Fire Fighters Association, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, (225) 572-8483, spoke in support of House Bill No. 866.

Robert S. Lawrence, state examiner, office of state examiner, Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 901, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-4400, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 866 by Representative Glover.

William C. Bradford, Jr., city of Shreveport, 505 Travis Street, Suite 420, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 673-5200, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 866. After the meeting, Representative Norton submitted for inclusion in the committee record a letter on behalf of Mr. Bradford from Mayor Ollie S. Tyler in opposition to House Bill No. 866, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 866 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 866 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Norton, Pugh, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 36, which designates the city of St. Martinville as the Louisiana Pepper Capital of the world.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Pugh, Stagni, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 425 by Senator LaFleur

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 425, which provides for the creation of special service districts by parishes and municipalities, and for the raising of revenues by such special service districts.

Karen White, executive counsel, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 425.

Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Boulevard, (504) 458-0734, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 425.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 425 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 425 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Pugh, and White 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Berthelot announced that the committee may meet once more during the 2018 Regular Session.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Billiot, Bouie, Edmonds, Glover, Hilferty, Huval, Jenkins, Lyons, Pugh, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John A. Berthelot
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Date adopted: