

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 7, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, chairman
Representative Franklin J. Foil, vice chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrienne Wood, attorney
Alexis Normand, attorney
Jane Schoen, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 38 by Representative Hoffmann**

On behalf of Representative Hoffman, Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 38, which raises the minimum age relative to the distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

Without objection, action on House Bill No. 38 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 474 by Representative Barras

On behalf of Representative Barras, Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 474, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Without objection, action on House Bill No. 474 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 434 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 434, which provides relative to definitions, policies, and procedures of Medicaid managed care organizations.

Representative Henry offered amendments to (1) redefine the definition of "policy or procedure" to mean a requirement governing the administration of managed care organizations specific to billing guidelines, medical management and utilization review guidelines, case management guidelines,

claims processing guidelines and edits, grievance and appeals procedures and process, other guidelines or manuals containing pertinent information related to operations and preprocessing claims, and core benefits and services; (2) delete provisions of proposed law that requires LDH to approve policies or procedures proposed by a managed care organization in accordance with law, regulation, or a contract after the expiration of the required public notice period and instead requires LDH to provide express written approval to the managed care organization of any policy or procedure change made by a managed care organization after the expiration of the public notice period.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 434 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 434 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 392 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 392, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Representative Henry offered amendments to: (1) increase appropriations as follows: State General Fund (Direct) by \$133,228,183; Fees and Self-generated Revenue by \$100,954,374; Statutory Dedications by \$20,492,483; Federal Funds by \$55,653,577; (2) decrease appropriations from Interagency Transfers by (\$3,772,674). Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 392 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 392 was reported with amendments by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff the ability to make technical changes to House Bill No. 392. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 392 Special Order on May 9, 2019, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 286 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 286, which provides for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds.

Representative Henry offered amendments to: (1) provide for the transfer of \$55,000,000 of state general fund (direct) from the FY 2018 surplus into the Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority Fund; (2) provide for the transfer of \$500,000 of state general fund (direct) into the Fiscal Administrator Revolving Loan Fund; (3) provide for the transfer of \$2,000,000 of state general fund (direct) into the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund; (4) provide for the transfer of \$1,500,000 of state general fund (direct) into the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund; (5) provide for the transfer of \$5,000,000 of state general fund (direct) into the Higher Education Initiatives Fund; (6) re-establish the New Orleans Ferry Fund in Jefferson Parish; (7) create the Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund to collect vehicle registration fees and taxes and an allocation from the State Highway Improvement Fund.

Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Foil offered a motion to report House Bill No. 286 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 286 was reported with amendments by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff the ability to make changes to House Bill No. 286, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 286 Special Order for May 9, 2019, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 103 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 103, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 103 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 341 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 341, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 341 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 551 by Representative Jackson

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 551, which provides relative to the amount DPS&C pays for the housing of state inmates in a parish jail or institution. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 551 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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