

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 Reid Falconer
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 551 by Representative Jackson**

Representative Jackson presented 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.

Representative Henry offered amendments to: (1) change the per diem amount paid for housing individuals in parish jails or facilities from \$28.39 per day to \$25.39 per day for FY 2020; \$27.39 per day for FY 2021; \$29.39 per day for FY 2022 and thereafter; and (2) require DPS&C to work with sheriffs or governing authorities of parish jails to ensure that basic jail guidelines provide for treatment and educational programming for individuals confined in parish jails by Dec. 31, 2020.

Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Pylant offered a motion to report House Bill No. 551 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 551 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 2, which provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget.

Representative Henry offered amendments to add funding to the cash portion of the bill. Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the

amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Miguez, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Miguez, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to allow staff the ability to make technical changes to House Bill No. 2. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Miguez, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to make House Bill No. 2 Special Order for May 15, 2019. Without objection, the motion to make House Bill No. 2 Special Order passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Miguez, Pylant, Smith, 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 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Gary Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Lance Harris, Miguez, Pylant, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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