

## House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 21, 2020

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman  
Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Troy D. Romero  
Representative Francis C. Thompson  
Representative Christopher Turner  
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant  
Stephanie Little, attorney  
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

Chairman Zeringue addressed the committee regarding the order of the day and the budget bills on the agenda.

Mr. Patrick Goldsmith, director, House Fiscal Division, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2440, presented an overview and discussed the budget summary handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 307 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 307, which makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 307.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) increased appropriations as follows: Interagency Transfer by \$468,457,529; Federal funds by \$884,560,523; (2) decreased appropriations as follows: State General Fund (Direct) by (\$133,127,138); Fees and Self-generated Revenues by (\$49,366,421); Statutory Dedications by (\$311,952,277); and (3) provided an appropriation from the increase in Federal Funds to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness from the Coronavirus Relief Fund allocated in the federal CARES Act for \$592,032,610. Representative Kerner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 24 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 307 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 307 was reported with amendments by a vote of 24 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to make House Bill No. 307 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 24 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 105 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 105, which provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments, Exhibit A, which are included in the committee records.

Commissioner Dardenne spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. J. Travis McIlwain, director, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Cindy Rives, undersecretary, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Steve Russo, executive counsel, LDH, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, commissioner, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4253, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Dr. Jim Henderson, president, University of Louisiana (UL) System, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6950, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Representative Thompson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Miller offered amendments which preserved the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funds in House Bill No. 105. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to allow the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to approve a BA-7 later in the fiscal year to authorize hospital payments under the money follows the patient plan. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Miguez offered amendments which prohibited any means of finance for mandatory participation in contract tracing programs for any person or entity in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Russo discussed information regarding the state's COVID-19 contact tracing process with Representatives Carrier, Crews, Harris, Miguez, and Miller.

Representative Miguez offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Freeman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Carpenter, Freeman, Lyons, Marcelle, and Dustin Miller voted nay.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 105 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 105 was reported with amendments by a vote of 24 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 105 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 4 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 717 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 717, which makes appropriations for the expenses of the legislature for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) reduced the appropriation by \$12,851,010 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council; and (2) added \$3,000,000 in Federal Funds to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council for COVID-19 related expenses. Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 717 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 717 was reported with amendments by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 717 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 304 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 304, which appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Justice John Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, no telephone number provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 304.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) added a requirement that appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$17,031,070 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court; and (2) provided an appropriation of \$4,000,000 out of Interagency Transfers from

the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for expenses related to the COVID-19 response efforts. Representative Magee offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 304 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 304 was reported with amendments by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 304 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 23 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

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### **House Bill No. 306 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 306, which provides for the ancillary expenses of state government.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) allocated \$935,446 from the Office of Risk Management for payments to the Department of Justice; and (2) increased appropriations from the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund by \$13,988,458 for projects to improve water structure. Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Thompson offered amendments which reduced \$807,051 of Fees and Self-generated revenues and seven positions from the Office of State Procurement. Representative Thompson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments.

Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 306 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 306 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 306 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 305 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 305, which provides for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies among state funds.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) transferred \$3,000,000 of State General Fund (Direct) to the Major Events Incentive Program Subfund; (2) changed how annual royalty fees from the Hunters for the Hungry prestige license plate are collected and distributed to the organization; (3) changed how donations made to Hunters for the Hungry by individuals purchasing a fishing and hunting license are collected, administered, and distributed to the organization; and (4) resolved the potential conflict between certain prior Acts of the legislature and proposed law. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 305 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 305 was reported with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 305 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris,

Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 681 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 681, which provides for Revenue Sharing Distribution for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 681 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 681 was reported favorably by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Bill No. 681 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Representative Zeringue presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, which provides for a hospital stabilization formula.

Ms. Jennifer McMahon, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1004, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

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**House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, which provides for the re-basing of nursing homes.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 94, which provides for monies in the Budget Stabilization Fund to be available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Representative Romero offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 was reported favorably by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Lyons, Magee, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Lyons, Magee, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator White**

On behalf of Senator White, Representative Zeringue presented Senate Bill No. 189, which creates special funds for the deposit of certain federal monies in the state treasury.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) deleted provisions relative to the 2020 Capital Project Fund; (2) created the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Fund in the state treasury and provided for the deposit and use of the funds; and (3) established protocols for the

distribution of monies from the fund to political subdivisions. 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 Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative DuBuisson offered an amendment in concept and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Marcelle objected. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn and no vote was taken.

Commissioner Dardenne spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 189.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 189 with amendments, to which Representative Gary Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 189 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carrier, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Miguez, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Adams, Carpenter, Gary Carter, Freeman, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, Dustin Miller, and Thompson voted nay.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to make Senate Bill No. 189 Special Order for May 26, 2020. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

COMMITTEE ROOM 6 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

NOTE: Only statements mailed to [andressk@legis.la.gov](mailto:andressk@legis.la.gov) and received prior to Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., will be included in the record for this committee meeting. All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Harris offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Marcelle, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue  
House Committee on Appropriations