

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 22, 2020

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Troy D. Romero  
Representative Francis C. Thompson  
Representative Christopher Turner  
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller

**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****Senate Bill No. 166 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 166, which provides for forecasting of the Medicaid program.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to: (1) remove the provision that the president of the Senate serves as chair of the conference for the 2020-2024 term and the first two years of the 2024-2028 term and provide that the chairmanship shall rotate biennially, beginning with the president, and (2) add a professional staff member designated by the speaker of the House to staff the conference. Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 166 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 166 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 415 by Senator Mizell**

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 415, which provides relative to fiscal administrators of political subdivisions.

Representative Harris offered amendments to reinsert the present law requiring approval of the state court for fiscal administrator actions. Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Magee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 415 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 415 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. 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 Thursday, May 21<sup>st</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 Romero offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Kerner, Magee, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue  
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