

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Tony Bacala
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Blake Miguez

Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Francis C. Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Blaine Sylvester, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 12, a constitutional amendment which dedicates unclaimed property funds and creates the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to remove language regarding pledge of monies in the Unclaimed Property Leverage Fund. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Mr. Matthew Block, executive counsel, Office of the Governor, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7015, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 12.

Treasurer John Schroder, Department of Treasury, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-0010, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 12.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 12 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 12 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 18, which dedicates unclaimed property funds and creates the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund.

Treasurer John Schroder, Department of Treasury, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-0010, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 18.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to remove language regarding pledge of monies in the Unclaimed Property Leverage Fund. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 18 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

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.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Magee, Marcelle, McFarland, Romero, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
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