

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
October 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Gary M. Carter Jr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 32 by Representative Moore**

Representative Moore presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 32, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) study the feasibility and advisability of providing state funding in support of students in BESE-approved home study programs.

Dr. Keith Leger, Louisiana Department of Education, Claiborne Building, no address provided, (337) 540-9441, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 32.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 32. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 32 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Edmonds, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Milligan

Senator Milligan presented Senate Bill No. 15, which requires first-day health insurance coverage for employees of public elementary and secondary school systems under certain circumstances (Item #42).

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
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Date adopted: