

## **House Committee on Judiciary**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Second Extraordinary Session  
October 15, 2020

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

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Mandie Landry  
Representative Sherman Q. Mack, vice chairman  
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative John M. Stefanski

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Alan Seabaugh

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sadie Becnel, attorney  
Diane Merritt, committee administrative assistant

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

### **III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

#### **Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Cathey**

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 18, which provides an exemption to certain permit fees collected by the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.(Item #35).

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Mike Johnson, Jones, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Stefanski voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 44 by Representative Magee**

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 44, which provides relative to prohibiting alcoholic beverage sales during a COVID-19 health emergency (Item #35).

Representative Stefanski offered an amendment to specify that the one-year period begins on the date the COVID-19 public health emergency, as declared by the governor, is terminated or expires. Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jones, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Stefanski voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 44 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 44 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Edmonston, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jones, Landry, Mack, Muscarello, Orgeron, Charles Owen, and Stefanski voted yea.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Randal L. Gaines  
House Committee on Judiciary

Date adopted: