

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
October 12, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lance Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lance Harris, chairman
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beullieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Richard James Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant
Joey David, committee analyst
Bryan D. Vincent, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 36 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 36, which provides relative to reemployment of retirees during a declared emergency.

Representative Harris offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to:

1. Add as conditions of reemployment pursuant to proposed law that the retiree was retired more than 30 days prior to the initial declaration of the emergency and that his retirement was not based on a disability.
2. Require employer and employee contributions to the retirement system during the period of reemployment.
3. Provide for the termination of the applicability of proposed law if a state of emergency has been in effect for more than 365 days on the first day of a regular session of the legislature.

Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the substitute bill was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Ivey, and Nelson voted yea.

Cindy Peterson, school system retiree, 43157 Highway 933, Prarieville, LA, 70769, (225) 921-7109 spoke in support of House Bill No. 36.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 36 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 36 was reported by substitute by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Ivey, and Nelson voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Peterson

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Rodney Braxton, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 381-0166, presented Senate Bill No. 26, which removes employees of the Regional Transit Authority from the state system and state civil service.

Mark A. Major, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, 2817 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, 70119, (504) 827-8368, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 26.

Cindy Rougeou, LASERS, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 922-0604, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 26.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Ivey, and Nelson voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no other announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Ivey, and Nelson voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lance Harris
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: