

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Regular Session
May 14, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Neil Riser
Representative John M. Stefanski, vice chairman
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, committee administrative assistant
Mark Mahaffey, deputy director
Alison Pryor, senior attorney
Catherine Zeringue, attorney
Claire Vermaelen, capital outlay specialist

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
 Alvin Judson, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Mark Moses, Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9654, presented a PowerPoint presentation, "*The 2020 Capital Outlay Bill*", Exhibit A, which is contained in the committee records. Mr. Moses explained the development, enactment, and execution of the state Capital Outlay budget; General Obligation Bonds (GOB); primary means of finance for state funds; Priority cash lines of credit, and Fees and Self-generated Revenues.

Representative Bourriaque in the chair**House Bill No. 2 by Representative Bishop**

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 2, which provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget.

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North 3rd Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Stefanski in the chair

Dr. Shawn Wilson, secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Lafayette, LA 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Riser offered amendments which:

- (1) Changed General Obligation Bonds as follows:

Priority 1	\$	(50,203,478)
Priority 2	\$	74,513,850
Priority 5	\$	161,784,950

Representative Riser offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Stefanski, and Willard voted yea.

Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, Girl Scouts Louisiana East, 711 North 6th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Barbara Goodson, deputy commissioner, Division of Administration, 1201 North 3rd Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 3, which provides for the Omnibus Bond Act.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

House Bill No. 709 by Representative Bishop

Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 709, which re-creates the Department of Revenue.

Secretary Kimberly Robinson, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 66258, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 219-4059, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 709.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 709 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 709 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Stefanski, White, and Willard voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 1:55 p.m. The committee reconvened at 1:59 p.m.

Representative Bishop in the chair

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE ROOM 3 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Bishop announced that the following legislative instruments will be voluntarily deferred: House Bill No. 429.

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 Bryant offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Ivey, LaCombe, McMahan, Mincey, Phelps, Riser, Stefanski, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
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